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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Federal cuts endanger programs

Loss of funding could mean end of key research projects, free tests and vaccines for uninsured

By Eliza Fawcett and Alex Putterman
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For more than a year, Nathan Grubaugh has been one of Connecticut's closest observers of COVID-19. From his lab at the Yale School of Public Health, Grubaugh and his team monitor the disease, sequence test samples and track new variants. When a new COVID-19 strain arrives in Connecticut with the potential to disrupt life in the state, Grubaugh is often among the first to know. But as of recently, Grubaugh

is no longer receiving the federal funding that has fueled his work. Before long, he said, he may be forced to scale down or cease his surveillance of new variants. "We're going to use some of our internal funds to keep it going for a bit while we try to see where we can get more sustained funding for it," Grubaugh said. "How long we can keep it going on our own is hard to say." Grubaugh isn't alone. Congress's failure to include a fresh infusion of COVID-19 funding in President Joe Biden's recent spending bill means no more federal money for research projects such as Grubaugh's and no more free coronavirus tests, treatments and vaccines for millions of uninsured Americans. The potential loss of that critical funding comes at a time when experts say Connecticut is bracing for a spike in COVID-19 cases, driven by the BA.2 subvari-

ant of omicron. Like much of the world, the United States was caught off guard by COVID-19. The first year of the pandemic was defined by snarled supply chains, insufficient testing infrastructure and a scramble to develop and distribute vaccines. By 2022, most of those systems are now in place, but they might not be for long.

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The state is seeking developers for a key parking lot just east of The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts and the recently renovated State Office Building. At right is the new \$16 million parking garage for state employees, Bushnell patrons and future residents. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

‘Bushnell South’ hits key milestone

State seeking developers for largest lot near Bushnell Center

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

A major milestone in the decade-long push to redevelop an expanse of parking lots near The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts is now being marked as the state seeks developers for the largest of those asphalt lots. The prospect of new housing, paired with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues on 3 acres just east of the historic and recently-renovated State Office Building on Capitol Avenue can't come soon enough for some

area residents. "That parking lot has been an asphalt desert in the center of our neighborhood for decades," Robin Zaleski, chairwoman of the South Downtown, or SoDo, Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and a resident for 17 years. "To drive up Capitol Avenue or Hudson Street and see a sea of cars or a sea of asphalt — depending on what time of day it was — did not make our neighborhood feel like a neighborhood. "There was no there, there."

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine retakes territory near Kyiv

Zelenskyy: Russia is leaving behind mines, gear, bodies

By Nebi Qena and Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian troops moved cautiously to retake territory north of the country's capital on Saturday, using cables to pull the bodies of civilians off streets of one town out of fear that Russian forces may have left them booby-trapped. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned that departing Russian troops were creating a "catastrophic" situation for civilians by leaving mines around homes, abandoned equipment and "even the bodies of those killed." His claims could not be independently verified. Journalists in Bucha, a suburb of Kyiv, watched as Ukrainian soldiers backed by a column of tanks and other armored vehicles used cables to drag bodies off a street from a distance. Locals said the dead — the AP counted at least six — were civilians killed without provocation by departing Russian soldiers. "Those people were just walking and they shot them without any reason. Bang," said a Bucha resident who declined to give his name citing safety reasons. "In the next neighborhood, Stekolka, it was even worse. They would shoot without asking any question." Ukraine and its Western allies reported mounting evidence of Russia withdrawing its forces from around Kyiv and building its troop strength in eastern Ukraine. "The initial Russian operation was a failure, and one of its central goals — the capture of Kyiv — proved unobtainable for Russian forces," Michael Kofman, director of Russian studies at CNA, a research institute in Arlington, Virginia, said Saturday. But the shift did not mean the

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UConn WOMEN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Philly-made coaches to match wills

South Carolina's Staley, UConn's Auriemma reaching to conquer March Madness tonight

Dom Amore

MINNEAPOLIS — The ultimate games, when championships are decided, are not always chess, or even checkers. They can just as often be collisions of will. And if this is how the UConn women's challenge for a 12th national championship plays out against South Carolina in NCAA final Sunday night, it could take quadruple overtime to separate the wills of Geno Auriemma and Dawn Staley. Both have won championships, neither has lost



UConn coach Geno Auriemma and South Carolina's Dawn Staley will match wills for the NCAA championship Sunday night in Minneapolis. **SEAN RAYFORD/AP**

a championship game, and they share Philadelphia basketball roots — and that straight-shooting, uncompromising attitude that goes with them. "The Philly part maybe is just the drive," Auriemma said. "Philly people, maybe it's because we're close to New York, and we have this inferiority complex that we have to prove to everybody that we're smarter and tougher and better than everybody else." Both have built programs designed to stand the test of time,

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COVID-19

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The feast-or-famine rhythm of funding for scientific research and preventive measures is familiar to most epidemiologists and public health experts. A crisis occurs, resources are thrown at the problem — and then the funding dries up, leaving the community vulnerable once again.

As of Thursday, Democrats and Republicans were reportedly working toward a compromise that could restore some of the initially allocated funding. But if they can't find common ground — or if the funding is significantly slashed from Biden's original proposal — the impact could reverberate to Connecticut.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, Connecticut's public health commissioner, said the state can expand its testing and vaccination efforts to some extent but can't fully cover for the loss of federal money.

"We weren't expecting to [have to] foot the bill for vaccines and therapeutics," she said. "The only people who have the pockets and the contracting ability to take on those kinds of giants is the federal government."

'House of cards'

In March, the White House announced that it would no longer foot the bill for uninsured patients who require COVID-19 tests, treatment or vaccinations. The two-year program, set to end in early April, has already stopped accepting reimbursement claims for treatment and testing.

About 31.2 million Americans under age 65 are uninsured, according to the CDC.

Though the White House has urged Congress to approve another multibillion dollar COVID-19 emergency aid package, the measure currently remains at an impasse in Washington. U.S. Rep. John Larson, D-I, said recently he thinks COVID-19 funding should continue "as long as this is an international pandemic."

"COVID isn't going way," Larson said. "It should have been passed already, in my humble estimation."

Howard Forman, a professor of public health at Yale, estimates the federal government could bankroll the next phase of pandemic response for as little as \$50 per American. Instead, he said,



Sharee Cousins, a certified nursing assistant and consultant with Sema4, tests Chris LeMay of West Hartford in December at a COVID-19 testing site in Hartford run by Sema4 of Stamford. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Congress is "putting politics over policy?"

"The only way you're going to get reliable data in a manner that actually serves the public is the way in which public goods are funded, which is through federal funds," Forman said. "Without this funding, the house of cards will start to fall apart."

While all residents could be affected by a potential decrease in supply of vaccines, tests and treatments, it is likely uninsured patients who will be impacted most dramatically.

"It's a very big problem because these reimbursements made it possible for people being serviced by community health centers and even the public health departments to get testing and vaccination and treatment," said Frances Padilla, the president of the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, a nonprofit that advocates for affordable, equitable access to health care.

Padilla noted that people without health insurance are already forced to make choices that are "really untenable," between, for instance, getting a prescription filled and paying the electricity bill. Without federal support, those choices will become even more stark.

Moving forward, the ability of uninsured Connecticut residents to get COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatment could depend largely on the magnanimity of care providers. Dr. Jim Cardon, chief clinical integration officer at Hartford Health-Care, said the health system would

work with uninsured patients and will waive costs for those who truly can't pay.

"We'll treat it the same way we often take care of people who don't have the funds or the ability to pay, and we work out a way around that," Cardon said.

But Padilla emphasized that relying on the "goodwill of institutions" is not a sustainable structure for high-quality, affordable health care. And many of the community health centers that have served as safety nets throughout the pandemic cannot simply absorb such costs.

"[Federally qualified health centers] don't have the reserves that you need to be able to provide free care," she said.

Meanwhile, the loss of federal funding could mean fewer vaccines, tests and treatments flowing into Connecticut. Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital, said the hospital is bracing for a reduction in resources, which could lead to limits on who can access tests and treatments.

"The reduction [in funding] is not a good thing," Roberts said. "We'll have to think carefully about how we approach this going forward in order to continue delivering maximal and streamlined care where we don't have the reductions we've seen previously."

To Padilla, the stalled COVID-19 funding is an example of the way officials fail to prioritize public health even amid a crisis.

"If COVID didn't teach us that

as a country we need to invest in our public health infrastructure, nothing will ever teach us," she said.

'All of these programs will run out'

Even if federal COVID-19 funding were restored, a diminished sense of urgency around the pandemic could imperil longstanding research efforts in Connecticut and elsewhere.

Over the past two years, for example, Jordan Peccia's lab at the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Science has overseen a highly accurate predictor of COVID-19 spikes: wastewater surveillance.

Wastewater data provides a real-time picture of how much COVID-19 is in a particular community and is significantly less expensive to run than large-scale testing programs. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Peccia's data has helped to inform public health decisions at Yale University, Yale New Haven Hospital and a slew of local health departments — in addition to being available to the wider public on Twitter.

But the funding for Peccia's work has never been assured. In March 2020, his lab scrambled for resources to get its research off the ground. Eventually, the lab received a contract from the state Department of Public Health, which provided about \$750,000 in federal funding to enable a year of wastewater surveillance in New Haven, Stamford, Bridgeport, Hartford, Norwich and New London. That contract ended in October 2021 and was not renewed.

Peccia's lab then secured private funding from Connecticut scientist and entrepreneur Jonathan Rothberg, which enabled the continued surveillance of New Haven wastewater through the omicron surge. That money will run out in June, Peccia said, which means a hard stop for the project.

For Peccia, navigating the ebbs and flows of funding is a reality of scientific work. But the precariousness of research can have significant implications for a community's ability to preempt and respond to crises.

"COVID's going to be back in the fall for sure, maybe bad, maybe not so bad," he said. "When that comes, there will be questions and there will be needs. I'll be there to help

if they need it, but someone's going to have to pay to do the work. It's not very expensive, but we need some commitment to do it."

Juthani noted that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention runs a wastewater surveillance program, in which DPH has encouraged local health departments to enroll their sewage treatment plants. A handful of municipalities have already begun collecting data, she said.

When it comes to COVID-19 sequencing projects such as Grubaugh's, the state may be able to re-appropriate CDC funds to continue such work, though that remains unclear.

"We were given a certain amount of money that we could put toward sequencing, and we've used most of it," Juthani said.

Grubaugh's funding originates from a federal COVID-19 relief bill passed last year, which allocated millions for virus surveillance. That money flows to states, which then contract with labs such as Grubaugh's.

"One by one, without any new funding, all of these programs will run out," Grubaugh said.

The end of federal funding for research such as Grubaugh's won't entirely end variant surveillance, as the CDC conducts genomic sequencing as well, but it would reduce it greatly and limit what researchers can glean. Grubaugh and his team work directly with Yale New Haven Hospital, allowing them to conduct detailed investigations into who is contracting which variant and what their outcomes are.

If the funding were to disappear, Grubaugh said, "we would lose a lot of the fine details about what is happening."

"We're not going to be completely in the dark," he said, "but we will have less information."

Forman, of Yale, said he's hopeful that Congress will restore some amount of COVID-19 funding, allowing efforts like Grubaugh's to continue. If not, he said, the nation's pandemic response could slowly crumble.

"Once it falls apart, it will take a while to restart it," he said. "So one hopes cooler heads will prevail and that they'll be able to fix it before it falls apart."

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Bushnell

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Now, the Capital Region Development Authority is seeking developers for the state-owned parking lot, the first of a half-dozen between Washington and Main streets, on both sides of Capitol Avenue.

Those lots — some owned by the state, others privately controlled — plus other existing structures could be redeveloped as part of “Bushnell South,” a \$500 million project envisioned to transform the 20-acre area over the next decade.

The vision is to foster a stronger, walkable connection between Bushnell Park, the nearby hospital district and Park Street, extending beyond to Colt Park. The redevelopment would foster more vibrancy and boost economic vitality of the area.

CRDA said it is looking for developers with experience building from the ground up in cities. Once one or more is chosen in late spring or early summer, plans will be drawn up, based on a consultant’s vision outlined last year.

Financing will need to be cobbled together, likely a combination of private and public funding. Construction could begin next year or in 2024, CRDA said.

“We know it will take a long time,” Zaleski said. “Construction does not go fast. Supply-chain issues are just making it longer, so we know it’s not going to be a magical, overnight situation. But we are excited that there is finally going to be some development there.”

21st-century catalyst

A century ago, when The Bushnell was erected, the Capitol Avenue area already was in the midst of change. The street was still lined with homes and shaded by trees, but its wealthiest residents had moved and built grand mansions in the city’s West End.

City observers in the late 1920s wondered if a new phase of development also would follow and whether the building of the Georgian Colonial-style Bushnell would be the catalyst for a new era of store, office and apartment buildings.

In the decades that followed, government edifices rose in the area, followed by steady expansion of parking lots, needed as workers increasingly commuted from the suburbs. But the shops, restaurants and apartments were never built, even through the 1970s and ’80s when there was a push for redevelopment in the area.

The state-funded renovation of the State Office Building, completed in late 2019, provided a 21st century catalyst.

The \$205 million project —



A rendering of what Bushnell South could look like in a decade. The state-owned parking lot for which the Capital Region Development Authority is seeking one or more developers is in the foreground at center, to the right of the recently-renovated State Office Building and new park. **GOODY CLANCT/CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

including a new parking garage and a park along the east side of the building — also came at a time when the state opened up public financing for housing projects in and around Hartford to boost revitalization.

The parking lots in the area were mostly used by state employees. To free up the asphalt lots for redevelopment, a second, state-financed, \$16 million garage also was built on Capitol next to a church.

The second garage will be used by state employees, Bushnell patrons and future residents of the area, as part of a larger, “district” parking plan. The garage also may be opened to the public later this year.

The parking garages were part of a complex choreography unfolding over several years to set the stage for future redevelopment on the surface lots.

‘A different housing stock’

A consultant’s plan for the, Bushnell South area last spring called for as many as 1,200 residential units — both rented and owned — restaurants, shops and entertainment venues.

The first, 3 acres, would include a broad pedestrian promenade with restaurants and space for outdoor events. The promenade would be between the new park and a block of 372 apartments and townhouses.

The buildings could be 4 or 5 stories along Capitol, with residential units over storefronts, and



Spinnaker Real Estate Partners of South Norwalk is expected to be a strong force in the development of Bushnell South. It has acquired the historic office building at 55 Elm St., in foreground at right. Spinnaker is expected to begin converting the 1926 structure into 160 apartments this spring. Spinnaker also has acquired other parking lots near the building for future development. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

lower along the Buckingham Street side.

The housing alone could cost about \$75 million, by one estimate.

Remnants of what the area looked liked before the parking lots are still visible on Capitol Avenue and Buckingham Street near Main Street.

Jane Macy-Painter and her husband, Earl Henrichon, have lived in a brownstone condominium on Buckingham Street for 17 years and are raising their daughter, Lillian, 9, there.

While rentals are key to revitalization, redevelopment in the

area also needs to include properties that can be purchased to boost homeownership in the heart of the city.

“For downsizers and families, to have a more diverse — for different age groups and demographics — it’s important to have a different housing stock,” Macy-Painter said.

‘How is the market absorbing all of this?’

How quickly redevelopment of the first parking lot will unfold will be heavily influenced by the

ability to put together financing and the pace of leasing from a growing number of apartments in the downtown area.

Michael W. Freimuth, CRDA’s executive director, said the quasi-public agency hopes to build a pool of funds from private corporations — traditionally involved in city projects — to help fund the construction of new housing in Bushnell South.

Those funds would likely be invested in the project as low-cost loans. The idea is patterned after Cigna and Stanley Black & Decker, lending \$1.7 million to the first phase of the mixed-use redevelopment around Dunkin’ Donuts Park, the city’s minor league ballpark.

The pace of Bushnell South’s redevelopment on the parking lot also will be determined by apartment leasing primarily in conversion projects elsewhere in the Bushnell South area.

Those projects include the conversion of the historic 55 Elm St. on Pulaski Circle and across from Bushnell Park. The \$63 million project will create of 160 rentals in the 1926 structure. Work is expected to begin this spring. The project is headed by Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, a developer from South Norwalk, which is expected to be a strong force in shaping Bushnell South’s development.

In addition to 55 Elm, the former offices of the attorney general and originally built for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., Spinnaker has acquired other parking lots nearby for future development.

The state of Connecticut also is selling two historic office buildings at the corner of Elm and Trinity streets for conversion to an undetermined number of apartments.

So far, occupancy in newer apartment projects in and around downtown are in the mid-90s or better. But rents in Greater Hartford as elsewhere in the state and the country are soaring and starting to squeeze out potential tenants.

Cost of construction also has increased amid supply-chain disruptions in the pandemic.

A report from CRDA showed a robust pipeline of apartments, including nearly 500 in construction and another 750 that will likely commence later this year.

Freimuth said the timetable for the Bushnell South parking lot redevelopment will depend on rental projects that come online before it.

“A lot is going to be, ‘How is the market absorbing all of this?’ ” Freimuth said.

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but they reach for this ring from different points on their career arcs. Staley, at 51, in her fourth Final Four since 2015 and the 2017 champion, says she can’t imagine she’ll still be coaching when she reaches Auriemma’s age. She’s in the Basketball Hall of Fame as a player and justifiably believes she will one day be remembered as a better coach than player.

Auriemma, 68, has suggested more than once this season that a man his age belongs on the golf course. Age is just a number, sure, but by these numbers Staley is in the prime of her career and Auriemma is nearing the 18th hole, where a victory Sunday could be compared, aptly or not, to Jack Nicklaus or Tiger Woods recapturing The Masters after it was believed their day had passed.

But after taking so many teams to the Final Four that were expected to simply out-talent all comers, Auriemma, 27 years past his first title and 17 years after his

Hall of Fame induction, may be at the culmination of the best coaching performance he has ever turned in.

“I know he had a lot of sleepless nights just trying to figure it out,” said Staley, who succeeded Auriemma as coach of the U.S. Olympic team. “You could see his frustration. You could hear his frustration. And then they beat NC State in the Elite Eight, and he was full. When you are full, you get a little emotional. I think he thought about where they were, like everybody probably, had them dead in the water, but true champions figure out a way. I don’t think he has really had to pivot a whole lot in his career with the teams that he has had, but he pivoted. He did something a little bit different. He played the hand he was dealt, found a way to keep their head above water. The months that [Paige Bueckers] was out, adverse moments are either going to bring you together or they’re going to pull you apart. They chose to come together and play like a cohesive unit, and now it really didn’t surprise me that they’re here.”

South Carolina is one of five

teams to beat the Huskies, and the only one to beat them with Bueckers in the lineup, 73-57 in the Bahamas on Nov. 23. UConn sank lower in the weeks that followed Bueckers’ knee injury Dec. 5, and Auriemma was tested.

“For the longest time I thought that I had the ability to bring any kid into my program and make them into exactly what I wanted them to be,” Auriemma said. “As each year has gone by, you start to see the fallacy in that. Not that I have not still tried to do that, but I think this year more than any other year, it’s hit me that you really can’t change people that don’t want to change. And those that do, you’re going to have a huge impact on them. You can’t change the team that’s in front of you. No matter how much you try, sometimes you just can’t. Because of the circumstances, this year I have more times just thrown my hands up and said, ‘It is what it is and let’s deal with it and let’s move on and see what happens.’ It hasn’t made me any less neurotic or paranoid about losing.”

After losing to South Carolina, he brought the team home and ran a series of brutally hard

practices to let players know what it takes. He told them not to sit secure in the knowledge that Bueckers “would come back and fix everything,” because he wasn’t counting on that. Bueckers did return on Feb. 25 and played a big role in the win over NC State, but in other games has been something less than 100 percent of what she was before the injury.

The Huskies (30-5) have nonetheless have won 15 in a row. Haunted by losses in the semifinal round in 2017, ’18, ’19 and ’21, with people chattering absurdly that the program and its coach, despite 14 straight Final Fours, had lost their luster, broke through Friday and beat defending national champ Stanford in a gritty game. Now UConn’s back here, having won all 11 previous times it has played in the championship game, though none of the current players has won one.

“I would venture to say that all 11 times that we’ve won, I don’t think we surprised anybody by winning because we had the best team,” Auriemma said. “We’d had the best team all year. We’d had the best talented players. We played harder than everybody.

We were just better than everybody. I don’t think, when we got on the plane to come out [to Minneapolis], anybody in America thought we were the best team.”

That distinction belonged to South Carolina (34-2), despite a loss to Kentucky in the SEC championship game. The Gamecocks have Aliyah Boston, who won all the major player-of-the-year awards, who, Auriemma says, may be the toughest player in America to guard. They have a strong supporting cast around Boston, and they have Staley.

“She’s very, very demanding and very exact in what she wants and what she expects from her players,” Auriemma said. “They play exceptionally hard defensively. Doing all those things then allows you to recruit a team like they have right now, you know, high school All-Americans who want to win a national championship. And once you do that, then that train is going, and it’s not going to stop as long as she’s there.”

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country faced a reprieve from more than five weeks of war or that the more than 4 million refugees who have fled Ukraine will return soon. Zelenskyy said he expects departed towns to endure airstrikes and for the battle in the east to be intense.

“It’s still not possible to return to normal life, as it used to be, even at the territories that we are taking back after the fighting,” the president said.

Moscow’s focus on eastern Ukraine also kept the besieged southeastern city of Mariupol in the crosshairs. The port city on the Sea of Azov is located in the mostly Russian-speaking Donbas region, where Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian troops for eight years. Military analysts think Russian President Vladimir Putin is determined to capture the

region.

The International Committee of the Red Cross planned to try to get into Mariupol to evacuate residents after canceling the operation the previous day when it did not receive assurances the route was safe. Local authorities said Russian forces blocked access to the city. There was no word as of late Saturday whether the Red Cross managed to reach Mariupol.

An adviser to Zelenskyy, Oleksiy Arestovych, said in an interview that Russia and Ukraine had reached an agreement to allow 45 buses to drive to Mariupol to evacuate residents “in coming days.”

The Mariupol city council said earlier Saturday that 10 empty buses were headed to Berdyansk, a city about 50 miles west of Mariupol, to pick up people who managed to get there on their own. About 2,000 made it out of Mariupol on Friday, city officials said.

Meanwhile, Ukraine’s deputy

prime minister, Iryna Vereshchuk, said 765 Mariupol residents on Saturday used private vehicles to reach Zaporizhzhia, a city still under Ukrainian control that has served as the destination for other planned evacuations.

Among those escaping was Tamila Mazurenko, who said she fled Mariupol on Monday, made it to Berdyansk that night and then took a bus to Zaporizhzhia. Mazurenko said she waited for a bus until Friday, spending one night sleeping in a field.

“I have only one question: Why?” she said of her city’s ordeal. “We only lived as normal people.”

Mariupol has been surrounded by Russian forces for over a month and suffered some of the war’s worst attacks, including on a maternity hospital and a theater that was sheltering civilians. Around 100,000 people are believed to remain in the city, down from a prewar population of

430,000, and they face dire shortages of necessities.

The city’s capture would give Moscow an unbroken land bridge from Russia to Crimea, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014. But its resistance also has taken on symbolic significance, said Volodymyr Fesenko, head of the Ukrainian think tank Penta.

“Without its conquest, Putin cannot sit down at the negotiating table,” Fesenko said of Mariupol.

About 500 refugees from eastern Ukraine arrived in the Russian city of Kazan by train overnight. Asked if he saw a chance to return home, Mariupol resident Artur Kirillov answered, “That’s unlikely, there is no city anymore.”

In towns and cities surrounding Kyiv, signs of fierce fighting were everywhere in the wake of the Russian redeployment. Destroyed armored vehicles from both armies lay in streets and fields along with scattered military gear.

Ukrainian troops were stationed at the entrance to Antonov Airport in suburb of Hostomel, demonstrating control of the runway that Russia tried to storm in the first days of the war.

Inside the compound, the Mriya, one of the biggest planes ever built, lay wrecked underneath a hangar pockmarked with holes from the February attack. “The Russians couldn’t make one like it so they destroyed it,” said Oleksandr Merkushev, mayor of the Kyiv suburb of Irpin.

A prominent Ukrainian photo-journalist who went missing last month in a combat zone near the capital was found dead Friday in the Huta Mezhyhirska village north of Kyiv, the country’s prosecutor general’s office announced. The prosecutor general’s office attributed Maks Levin’s death to two gunshots allegedly fired by the Russian military and said an investigation was underway.

Virus hospitalization figures at a low

Plunge in US helps tired staff, patients after omicron surge

By Ben Finley and Kimberlee Kruesi
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — COVID-19 hospitalization numbers have plunged to their lowest levels since the early days of the pandemic, offering a much-needed break to health care workers and patients alike following the omicron surge.

The number of patients hospitalized with the coronavirus has fallen more than 90% in more than two months, and some hospitals are going days without a single COVID-19 patient in the ICU for the first time since early 2020.

The freed-up beds are expected to help U.S. hospitals retain exhausted staff, treat non-COVID-19 patients more quickly and cut down on inflated costs. More family members can visit loved ones. And doctors hope to see a correction to the slide in pediatric visits, yearly checkups and cancer screenings.

“We should all be smiling that the number of people sitting in the hospital right now with COVID, and people in intensive care units with COVID, are at this low point,” said University of South Florida epidemiologist Jason Salemi.

But, he said, the nation “paid a steep price to get to this stage.”

Hospitalizations are at their lowest point since summer 2020, when comprehensive national data first became available. The average number of people hospitalized with



Young children wearing face masks are taken to a school on March 7 in New York. SETH WENIG/AP

COVID-19 in the last week nationwide dropped to 11,860, the lowest since 2020 and a steep decline from the peak of more than 145,000 set in mid-January. The previous low was 12,041 last June, before the delta variant took hold.

The optimistic trend is also clear in ICU patient numbers, which have dipped to fewer than 2,000, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“We’re beginning to be able to take a breath,” said Dr. Jeffrey Weinstein, the patient safety officer for the Kettering Health hospital system in western Ohio.

COVID-19 patients had filled 30% of Kettering Health’s nearly 1,600 hospital beds back in January, Weinstein said. Kettering’s eight hospitals now average two to three COVID-19 admissions a day — and sometimes zero.

And while Salemi agreed this is a good time for an exhausted health care system to take a breath, he warned that the public health community needs to keep an eye on the BA.2 subvariant of omicron. It’s driving increases in hospitalizations in Britain, and is now estimated to make up more than half of U.S. infections.

For now at least, many hospitals are noting the low numbers.

In California on Thursday, UC Davis Health tweeted that its intensive care unit had no COVID-19 patients for two consecutive days for the first time in two years.

“The first COVID-19 patient to arrive in our ICU did so in February 2020, and the unit treated at least one positive individual every day since, for at least 761 consecutive days,” the hospital system said.

Toby Marsh, the chief nursing and patient care services officer, said in a statement that they hope the numbers “are indicative of a

sustained change.”

The emptying of beds is also helping patients in rural areas, said Jay Anderson, the chief operating officer for Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center in Columbus. During the surges, the hospital faced challenges accepting people from community hospitals who needed elevated care for brain tumors, advanced cancer and stroke.

That burden is now being lifted.

Visitors also will return in higher numbers, starting Tuesday. Ohio State will no longer restrict patients to two designated guests, who could only stop by sepa-

ately.

“Patients heal better when they have access to their family and loved ones,” Anderson said.

Doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists are also getting a much needed break in some areas.

In Colorado, Dr. Michelle Barron said the consistently low COVID-19 hospitalizations prompted smiles among staff, even as she double-checks the numbers to make sure they’re actually correct.

“I had one of these moments like, oh this is amazing,” said Barron, medical director of infection prevention and control at UHealth University of Colorado Hospital.

The omicron surge had stretched staff at work — but also at home, said Dr. Mike Hooper, chief medical officer for Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in southeastern Virginia.

“It was stressful to be at the store ... to visit your family,” Hooper said. “We’re all hoping that some ‘return to normalcy’ will help people deal with the inherent stresses of being part of the health care team.”

In the meantime, the public health community is keeping an eye on the BA.2 subvariant of omicron.

Salemi, the University of South Florida epidemiologist, said the increase in at-home testing means that more results are not being included in official coronavirus case counts. Wastewater surveillance will be the early warning signal to watch, he said.

“BA.2 is here,” he said. “We don’t have to look that far in the rearview mirror to know things can change very rapidly.”

Pope mulls visit to Kyiv, does not mention Putin

Blames ‘potentate’ for starting ‘savage’ war with Ukraine

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta — Pope Francis said Saturday he was considering a possible visit to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv and blasted the leader who launched a “savage” war, delivering his most pointed denunciation yet of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

In his remarks in Malta, Francis didn’t cite President Vladimir Putin by name, but the reference was clear when he said “some potentate” had unleashed the threat of nuclear war on the world in an “infantile and destructive aggression.”

“We had thought that invasions of other countries, savage street fighting and atomic threats were grim memories of a distant past,” Francis told Maltese officials on the Mediterranean island nation at the start of a week-end visit.

Francis has to date avoided referring to Russia or Putin by name, in keeping with the Vatican’s tradition of not calling out aggressors to keep open options for dialogue. But Saturday’s

criticism of the powerful figure responsible for the war marked a new level of outrage for the pope.

“Once again, some potentate, sadly caught up in anachronistic claims of nationalist interest, is provoking and fomenting conflicts, whereas ordinary people sense the need to build a future that will either be shared or not be at all,” he said.

Francis told reporters en route to Malta that a possible visit to Kyiv was “on the table,” but no dates have been set or trip confirmed. The mayor of the Ukrainian capital had invited Francis on March 8 to come as a messenger of peace along with other religious figures, but has recently warned even healthy city residents who fled that the city is still endangered by Russian hostilities.

Francis also said the war had pained his heart so much that he sometimes forgets about the pain in his knees. Francis has been suffering for months from a strained ligament in his right knee. The inflammation got so bad that the Vatican arranged for a tarmac elevator to get him on and off the plane for Saturday’s flight to Malta, and his limp was more pronounced Saturday.

The Malta visit, originally scheduled for May 2020, was always supposed to focus on migration, given Malta’s role at the heart of Europe’s migration debate. The issue took on more import with the forced exodus of over 4 million Ukrainian refugees. Francis focused his remarks on the perilous Mediterranean migration route and Europe’s flawed migration policies in welcoming people fleeing war, poverty and conflict.

Speaking with Malta’s president by his side, Francis denounced the “sordid agreements” the European Union has made with Libya to turn back migrants and said Europe must show humanity in welcoming them. He called for the Mediterranean to be a “theater of solidarity, not the harbinger of a tragic shipwreck of civilization.”

Francis was referring to the EU’s program to train Libya’s coast guard, which patrols the North African country’s coast for migrant smuggling and brings the would-be refugees back to shore. The program was strongly backed by Italy and other front-line Mediterranean countries to try to stem the flow of hundreds of thousands of desperate



Pope Francis arrives for a prayer meeting at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Ta’ Pinu on Saturday on Malta’s Gozo island. ANDREAS SOLARO/GETTY-APF

migrants each year.

But human rights groups have condemned the EU-funded program as a violation of the migrants’ rights and documented gross abuses in the Libyan detention camps. Last week German said its military would no longer provide training to the Libyan coast guard given its “unacceptable,” and in some cases illegal, treatment of migrants.

Francis has condemned the Libyan detention facilities as concentration camps, but he went further Saturday to shame the EU for its

complicity in the abuses there.

“Civilized countries cannot approve for their own interest sordid agreements with criminals who enslave other human beings,” he said.

Malta, the European Union’s smallest country with 500,000 people, has long been on the front lines of the flow of migrants and refugees across the Mediterranean and often has come under fire for refusing to let rescue ships dock. Last week a German aid group sought port for 106 migrants

rescued at sea and, by Saturday, the ship was heading to Sicily instead.

Malta has frequently called upon its bigger European neighbors to shoulder more of the burden receiving would-be refugees.

Francis has frequently echoed that call, and linked it on Saturday to the welcome the Maltese once gave the Apostle Paul, who according to the biblical account was shipwrecked off Malta around A.D. 60 while en route to Rome and was shown unusual kindness by the islanders.



Men look for blood stains where three Palestinian militants were killed Saturday in the West Bank. JAAFAR ASHTIYEH/GETTY-APF

Israeli troops kill 3 Palestinians in West Bank

By Patrick Kingsley
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces killed three Palestinian militants in the occupied West Bank early Saturday, as they continued to scale up their operations in response to a wave of terrorist attacks in Israel.

Israeli police said in a statement that the militants had been intercepted while driving through the northern West Bank, after authorities received a tip that they

were about to carry out an attack. The three men were killed in a subsequent shootout that also left four Israeli soldiers wounded, police said. The Islamic Jihad militant group later confirmed that three of its members had been killed by Israeli security forces Saturday morning, but it did not comment on the claims about a potential attack.

The episode brings the number of Palestinians killed in Israeli military operations in the West Bank

this past week to at least six. Three others were killed Thursday morning during an Israeli raid in Jenin, a city in the northern West Bank, Palestinian health officials said.

Israel security forces have bolstered their presence across Israel and the occupied territories since a Palestinian gunman killed five people in Bnei Brak, a city in central Israel, on Tuesday. That was the latest in a string of terrorist attacks in Israel that killed 11 people

since March 22.

The army has sent several extra battalions to the West Bank, called up reservists and posted reinforcements along the boundary between Israel and Gaza. Police said they had turned their focus almost exclusively to counterterrorism operations.

Officials and analysts fear that the violence could escalate in the coming weeks, when the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which began Saturday, will overlap with Passover and Easter.

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NEWS BRIEFING

UK hits record levels of COVID-19 with almost 5M infections

From news services

LONDON — The prevalence of COVID-19 in the U.K. has reached record levels, with about 1 in 13 people estimated to be infected with the virus in the past week, according to the latest figures from Britain's official statistics agency.

Some 4.9 million people were estimated to have the coronavirus in the week ending March 26, up from 4.3 million recorded in the previous week, the Office for National Statistics said Friday.

The latest surge is driven by the more transmissible omicron variant BA.2, which is the dominant variant across the U.K.

Hospitalizations and death rates are again rising, although the number of people dying with COVID-19 is still relatively low compared with earlier this year.

The figures came on the same day the government ended free rapid COVID-19 tests for most people in England, under British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's "living with COVID" plan.

"The government's 'living with COVID' strategy of removing any mitigations, isolation, free testing and a considerable slice of our surveillance amounts to nothing more than ignoring this virus going forwards," said Stephen Griffiths, associate professor at the University of Leeds' medical school.

More than 67% of people 12 years old and above in the U.K. have been vaccinated and had their booster or a third dose of the coronavirus vaccine.

Parents can now also book a low-dose vaccine for children between 5 to 12 years old in England.

James Naismith, a biology

professor at the University of Oxford, said he believed that except for those who are completely shielded or not susceptible to the virus, most people in the country would likely be infected with the BA.2 variant by the summer.

Guantanamo prisoner: An Algerian man imprisoned at the Guantanamo Bay detention center for nearly 20 years has been released and sent back to his homeland.

The Department of Defense announced Saturday that Sufyan Barhoumi was repatriated with assurances from the Algerian government that he would be treated humanely there and that security measures would be imposed to reduce the risk that he could pose a threat in the future.

The Pentagon did not provide details about those security measures, which could include restrictions on travel.

Barhoumi was captured in Pakistan and taken to the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2002. The United States eventually determined he was involved with various extremist groups but was not a member of al-Qaida or the Taliban, according to a report by a review board at the prison that approved him for release in 2016.

Barhoumi's release brings the total held at the U.S. base in Cuba to 37 men.

Submarine commissioned: In a public ceremony delayed two years by the pandemic, President Joe Biden on Saturday commissioned the USS Delaware, a nuclear attack submarine, saying it would enhance national security, though he made no reference to the global turmoil from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"As the commander in



Ramadan begins: A bread vendor awaits customers on the first day of Ramadan on Saturday in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The Muslim holy month, in which the faithful fast from dawn to dusk, comes amid Russia's war in Ukraine. Use of a lunar calendar and moon-sighting methodology can result in countries starting Ramadan on different days. **JAVED TANVEER/GETTY-AFP**

chief, I believe it is our sacred obligation as a nation to prepare and equip those troops that we send into harm's way and to care for them and their families when they return home," he told a crowd of invited guests and dignitaries in Wilmington, Delaware.

In April 2020, with the coronavirus pandemic spreading across the United States, the Delaware was commissioned while underwater.

With a crew of 136 sailors, the 377-foot-long Delaware is the 18th Virginia-class fast attack submarine, which is designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships, and can fire Tomahawk cruise missiles, the Navy says.

The ship can dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operate at speeds in excess of 25 knots submerged.

Journalist found dead: A Ukrainian photojournalist who went missing last

month while documenting the Russian invasion of Ukraine near the capital, Kyiv, has been found dead, according to the office of Ukraine's prosecutor general.

Maks Levin, 40, was a prominent freelancer who had spent years covering the conflict in Ukraine. There had been fears for his safety after he and a colleague went missing while reporting near the frontline of Russian fighting in the Vysh-horod area.

His body was found Friday in a village north of Kyiv, according to the Institute of Mass Information, a Ukrainian civil society organization focused on press freedom.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and his parents.

The prosecutor's office said that based on preliminary information, Levin was shot by Russian armed forces with "small-arms fire" and a criminal investigation into his death was underway.

Levin's colleague, Oleksiy Chernyshov, has not been found, the institute said.

China backing Myanmar: China says it will back neighbor Myanmar "no matter how the situation changes," in the latest show of unequivocal support for the ruling military that seized power last year.

China "has always placed Myanmar in an important position in its neighborly diplomacy" and wants to "deepen exchanges and cooperation," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Myanmar counterpart Wunna Maung Lwin on Friday, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency.

Myanmar's military, which ousted the civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021, has continued to face popular resistance that amounts to what some U.N. experts have characterized as a civil war. The government is also facing genocide accusations

at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Hungary election: A diverse coalition of opposition parties made their final appeal to Hungarian voters Saturday ahead of the country's fiercely fought election that will decide whether nationalist Prime Minister Viktor Orban continues his autocratic rule for a fourth consecutive term.

Several hundred supporters of the six-party coalition, United For Hungary, gathered in Budapest ahead of Sunday's vote. The movement's leader, Peter Marki-Zay, said the election was about bringing an end to "the most corrupt government in our 1,000-year history."

The six parties, which include the liberal Democratic Coalition, the centrist Momentum and the right-wing Jobbik, as well as smaller green parties and Socialists, are running against Orban's right-wing Fidesz party as a united bloc.

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NM budgets for free college tuition

Pandemic relief to help fund most costs of initiative’s start

By Simon Romero
The New York Times

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — As universities across the United States face steep enrollment declines, New Mexico’s government is embarking on a pioneering experiment to fight that trend: tuition-free higher education for all state residents.

After President Joe Biden’s plan for universal free community college failed to gain traction in Congress, New Mexico, one of the nation’s poorest states, has emerged with perhaps the most ambitious plans as states scramble to come up with their own initiatives.

A new state law approved in a rare show of bipartisanship allocates almost 1% of the state’s budget toward covering tuition and fees at public colleges and universities, community colleges and tribal colleges. All state residents from new high school graduates to adults enrolling part-time will be eligible regardless of family income. The program is also open to immigrants regardless of their immigration status.

Some legislators and other critics question whether there should have been income caps and whether the state, newly flush with oil and gas revenue, can secure long-term funding to support the program beyond its first year. The legislation, which seeks to treat college as a public resource similar to primary and secondary education, takes effect in July.

Although nearly half the states have embraced similar initiatives that seek to cover at least some tuition expenses for some students, New Mexico’s law goes further by covering tuition and fees before other scholarships and sources of finan-



In-state residents can soon attend New Mexico State University, above, free of charge. CENGIZ YAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

cial aid are applied, enabling students to use those other funds for expenses such as lodging, food or child care.

“The New Mexico program is very close to ideal,” said Michael Dannenberg, vice president of strategic initiatives and higher education policy at the nonprofit advocacy group Education Reform Now. Considering the state’s income levels and available resources, he added that New Mexico’s program is among the most generous in the country.

Dannenberg emphasized that New Mexico is going beyond what larger, more prosperous states like Washington and Tennessee have already done. Programs in other states often limit tuition assistance to community colleges, exclude some residents because of family income or impose conditions requiring students to work part time.

Some supporters and critics of the New Mexico law

warn that it could be more of a trial run than established practice. Building on earlier tuition assistance programs, the measure allocates \$75 million during the 2023 fiscal year, of which \$63 million comes from pandemic relief funds. Beyond its first year, legislators will need to draw funds from other sources to keep the program going.

Even so, prominent backers in both parties express confidence that the program is here to stay in a state where Hispanic and Native American residents together account for more than 60% of the population. In a sign that consensus on tuition-free college is building around New Mexico, a group of Republicans in the Democratic-controlled Legislature crossed party lines to support the measure.

State Sen. Cliff Pirtle, a Republican, said he was confident that the program would receive legislative funding well into the future.

He voted for the legislation, he said, largely because of the need to help adults who have halted studies for economic reasons.

Additionally, citing the law’s expansive approach to covering tuition at a wide array of institutions, he said that the state needed people to get training in areas like nursing, truck driving and maintenance of electricity systems.

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a Democrat, floated the free-college proposal in 2019. When the pandemic disrupted negotiations over the program, she directed officials to overhaul the proposal to make it easier for potential recipients to grasp.

Stephanie Rodriguez, New Mexico’s secretary of higher education, said the governor told people crafting the measure to “make it as simple and all-encompassing as possible for a student, their parent or guardian to navigate — and

we heard that.”

Legislators simplified the program while increasing its funding to \$75 million — nearly 1% of the state’s overall budget of \$8.5 billion — from initial estimates of \$25 million to \$35 million. With the aim of reducing student debt, they also focused on allowing students to capitalize on other scholarships without having to scramble to cover the cost of attendance.

The program is unusually inclusive, covering tuition for prison inmates and immigrants in the country illegally, as well as Native Americans from tribal nations whose boundaries extend into neighboring states, meaning someone from the Navajo Nation in Arizona can be considered a New Mexico resident for tuition purposes.

Recent economic shifts in New Mexico, which has long grappled with entrenched poverty, also made more funding available. New

Mexico now ranks as the second-largest oil producing state in the country behind Texas, eclipsing North Dakota and Alaska.

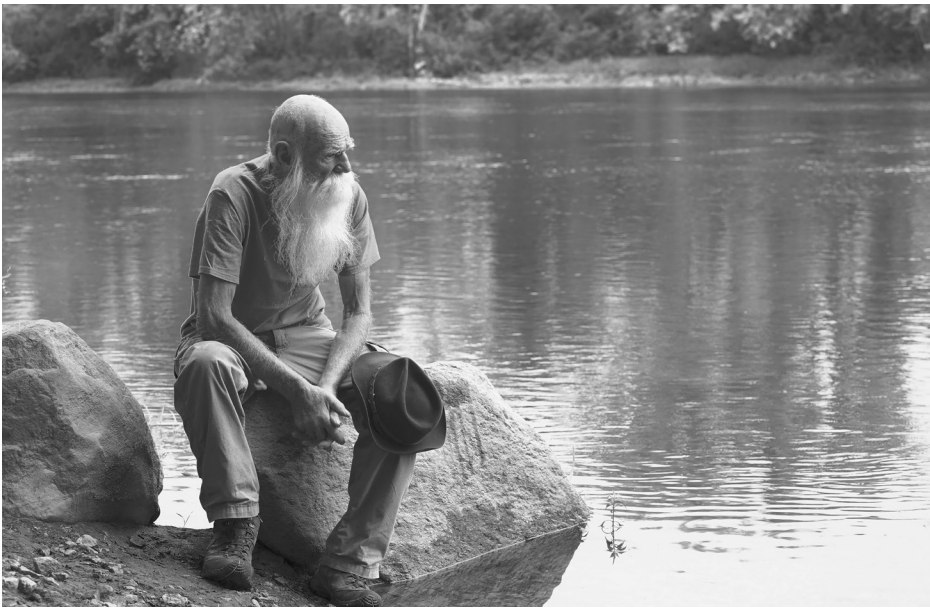
After the Russian invasion of Ukraine upended global energy markets, efforts to boost domestic oil production are nurturing another boom in New Mexico’s oil fields. In the Permian Basin, which New Mexico shares with Texas, output is expected to surge 70,000 barrels a day to a record 5.208 million barrels a day in April.

“We build the budget on \$60-a-barrel oil,” Lujan Grisham said in an interview, noting that oil prices have recently been hovering around \$100 a barrel. She argued that oil royalties, along with resurgent tourism and hospitality industries, could serve as pillars to bolster college access for years to come.

Taking into account the state’s population of about 2.1 million, she added, “New Mexico has more education resources, frankly, than any state in the nation.”

Still, the program’s opponents express concern about whether the plans are sustainable, citing volatile oil prices and the governor’s efforts to ramp up renewable energy sources in a bid to decrease fossil fuel consumption. State Sen. David Gallegos, a Republican, said he had voted against the measure out of concern that recipients would get their degrees and use their training for jobs out of state.

Other states are assembling their own programs: The University of Texas System created a \$300 million endowment in February that expands tuition assistance for thousands of students. Michigan provides free college to residents who were essential workers during the pandemic, while also covering tuition at community colleges for people 25 or older.



David Lidstone, known to locals as “River Dave,” had been living for almost three decades in a cabin in the woods along the Merrimack River in Canterbury, N.H. STEVEN SENNE/AP 2021

Onetime hermit skips court over disputed NH woodlot

By Kathy McCormack
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A former hermit in New Hampshire who went back to live on the wooded property he was ordered to leave realizes that his time there is drawing to a close — but he appears willing to keep fighting against his removal for now.

David Lidstone, 82, failed to show up for a contempt of court hearing Thursday in his tug-of-war with a Vermont landowner over a patch of forest near the Merrimack River that he’s called home for 27 years before his cabin burned down in an accidental fire.

Given his history of not appearing at hearings until he’s arrested, a judge on Thursday interpreted Lidstone’s no-show as a “seemingly deliberate” move and imposed costs to cover some of Giles’ expenses.

He said Lidstone would face a daily fine of \$500 if he doesn’t leave the woodlot by April 11.

A judge issued an injunction in 2017 for “River Dave” — as Lidstone is known — to

leave after the landowner, Leonard Giles, sued him. But there have been delays in the case: Besides the pandemic, Lidstone hasn’t always shown up for court, and he’s been in and out of jail as he resisted the injunction.

Court records say the undeveloped property has been in the Giles family since 1963 and is used for timber harvests. Lidstone had claimed that years ago, the current owner’s father gave him his word — but nothing in writing — allowing him to live there. He also has disputed whether he’s on the property in the first place.

“I have a great deal of sympathy for Mr. Lidstone,” Judge Andrew Schulman said Thursday, “but it is what it is.”

Giles’ attorney, Lisa Snow Wade, responded, “I look at it from a different perspective. The person who should have the sympathy here is Mr. Giles, who’s an 86-year-old veteran who’s been put through this. This is not that easy for him emotionally, or you know, financially.” She said he’s paid over \$39,000.

Snow Wade had

suggested a financial penalty for Lidstone, saying time in jail did not seem to change his behavior.

Early last month, Lidstone told The Associated Press “I know my days are numbered here,” a day after he was arrested and pleaded not guilty to a trespassing charge on the land. “Eventually, I’m going to have to move.”

Lidstone, who became known as a friendly face to kayakers and an advocate for keeping the river clean, wasn’t sure what he would do next or where he would go, even though he’s had offers of other places to live and more than \$200,000 in donations.

Lidstone is accused of squatting in a rustic, two-level A-frame cabin with solar panels that he built on the land in Canterbury. It had a small kitchen and curtains on the windows.

But while Lidstone was in jail over the property dispute, his cabin burned down in August as it was being dismantled at Giles’ request. The Canterbury fire chief said the fire was accidental.

Palin joins crowded field for Alaska’s lone US House seat

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Sarah Palin shook up an already unpredictable race for Alaska’s lone U.S. House seat, joining a field of 50 other candidates seeking to fill the seat held for decades by the late U.S. Rep. Don Young, who died last month.

Palin filed paperwork Friday with a state Division of Elections office in Wasilla, said Tiffany Montemayor, a division spokesperson.

Palin, a former Alaska governor who was the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, has the biggest national political profile in the packed field that includes current and former state legislators and a North Pole city council member named Santa Claus.

“Public service is a calling, and I would be honored to represent the men and women of Alaska in Congress, just as Rep. Young did for 49 years,” Palin said in a statement on social media.

Young, a Republican, had held Alaska’s House seat since 1973 and was seeking reelection at the time of his death last month at age 88.

Others in the flurry of filings before Friday’s deadline were state Sen. Josh Revak and Tara Sweeney, who are both Republicans and were the statewide co-chairs of Young’s reelection campaign.

Palin resigned as governor in 2009, partway through her term and said she could make a difference outside the governor’s office. She also had expressed outrage over ethics complaints she felt had frivolously targeted her.

Palin has kept a low profile in Alaska politics since then but maintained a presence nationally, including through speaking engagements, appearances with conservative outlets



Then-vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin speaks in 2015 in Washington. Palin has the biggest national profile in the packed field of candidates. NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-APF

and on reality TV. She also was an early supporter of now-former President Donald Trump.

She has hinted at possible runs for office in the past but never took the plunge. In her statement Friday, she said America is “at a tipping point” and that she’s in the race to “win it and join the fight for freedom alongside other patriots willing to sacrifice all to save our country.”

A special primary is set for June 11. The top four vote-getters will advance to an Aug. 16 special election in which ranked choice voting will be used, a process in line with a new elections system approved by voters in 2020.

The winner, targeted to be certified by Sept. 2, will serve the remainder of Young’s term, which expires in January.

The special election will coincide with the regular primary. The regular primary and November general election will determine who represents Alaska in the House for a two-year term starting in January.

Others who filed Friday

include Democratic state Rep. Adam Wool and Emil Notti, a Democrat who narrowly lost the 1973 election to Young.

They join a field that has already included Republican Nick Begich, who previously announced plans to run for U.S. House last fall.

Begich, an early challenger to Young, said he sees the Matanuska-Susitna region, a hotbed of conservatism that includes Palin’s hometown of Wasilla, as one of his strongest areas of the state.

Begich said there are a “lot of opportunistic candidates, in our view, that have chosen to get in. I think that the entry of Gov. Palin is completely consistent with that sort of spirit of opportunism that we’re seeing right now.”

Meanwhile, a man who years ago legally changed his name to Santa Claus and serves on the North Pole city council also filed for the special primary. Claus, who said he has a “strong affinity” for Bernie Sanders, is running as an independent.

“I do have name recognition,” he said with a laugh.



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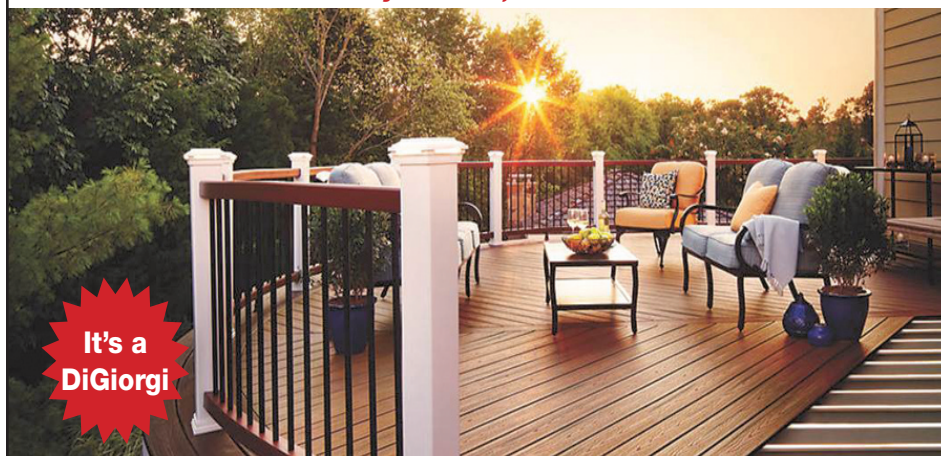
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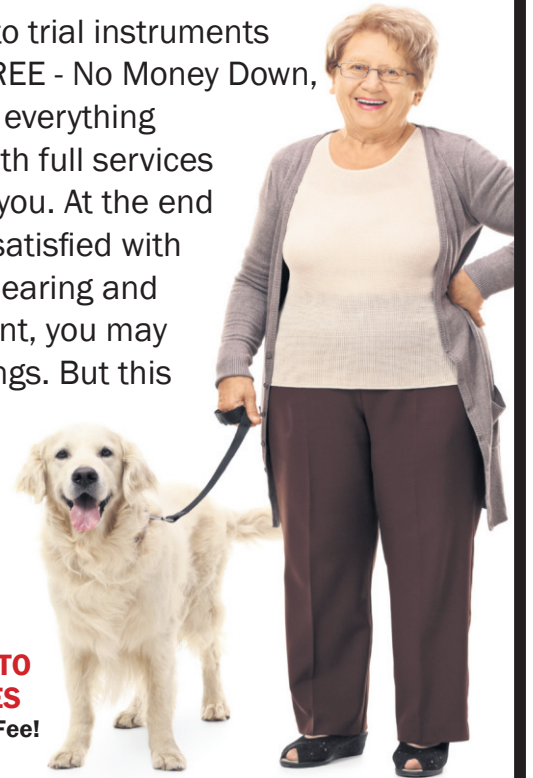
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WORLD & NATION

Draft-age Russians fear the worst

They don't believe conscripts will not have to fight in war

Associated Press

As Moscow's forces bog down in Ukraine, many young Russians of draft age are increasingly jittery about the prospect of being sent into combat. Making those fears particularly acute is an annual spring conscription that began Friday and aims to round up 134,000 men for a one-year tour of military duty.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu pledged at a meeting of the military brass last week that the new recruits won't be sent to front lines or "hot spots."

But the statement was met with skepticism by many in Russia who remember the separatist wars in the southern republic of Chechnya in the 1990s and early 2000s, when thousands of poorly trained young men were killed.

"I don't trust them when they say they won't send conscripts into combat. They lie all the time," said Vladislav, a 22-year-old who is completing his studies and fears he could face the draft immediately after graduation. He asked that his last name not be used, fearing reprisals.

All Russian men ages 18 to 27 must serve one year in the military, but a large share avoid the draft for health reasons or deferments granted to university students.

The share of men who avoid the draft is particularly big in Moscow and other major cities.

Even as President Vladimir Putin and his officials say that conscripts aren't involved in what Russian authorities call "the special military operation in Ukraine," many appeared to have been taken prisoner during its initial days. Videos emerged from Ukraine of



Servicemen take a military oath in January in the Voronezh region of Russia. RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE

captured Russians, some being shown calling their parents, and were put on social media.

The mother of one of the prisoners said she recognized her 20-year-old draftee son in a video even though he was shown blindfolded.

"I recognized him by his lips, by his chin. You know, I would have recognized him by his fingers," said the woman, who asked to be identified only by her first name, Lyubov, for security reasons. "I breastfed him. I raised him."

The Defense Ministry was forced to walk back its statements and acknowledge that some conscripts were sent to Ukraine "by mistake" and were taken prisoner while serving with a supply unit away from the front.

There have been alle-

gations that before the invasion, some conscripts were forced to sign military contracts that allowed them to be sent into combat — duty that is normally reserved only for volunteers in the army.

Some of the captured soldiers said they were told by their commanding officers that they were going to a military exercise but suddenly found themselves fighting in Ukraine.

Lyudmila Narusova, a member of the upper house of the Russian parliament, spoke in early March about an entire company of 100 men who were forced to sign such contracts and were sent into the combat zone — and only four survived.

Military officials did not comment on her allegation.

Svetlana Agapitova, the human rights commis-

sioner in St. Petersburg, said Wednesday that relatives of seven soldiers had written to her to complain the men had been forced to sign the contract and sent to Ukraine against their will.

She said two of them already had been brought back to Russia.

In recent years, the Kremlin has emphasized increasing the share of volunteer contract soldiers as it sought to modernize the army and improve its readiness.

The force of 1 million now has over 400,000 contract soldiers, including 147,000 in the infantry. If the war drags on, those numbers could be insufficient to sustain the operations.

The Kremlin could eventually face a choice: Keep fighting with a limited number of troops and see the offensive stall or try to

replenish the ranks with a broader draft and risk public outrage that could fuel anti-draft sentiment and destabilize the political situation.

Such a scenario occurred during the fighting in Chechnya.

Dmitry, a 25-year-old IT expert, has a deferment that should keep him out of the draft for medical reasons. But he's still nervous like many others, fearing authorities could abruptly waive some deferments to bolster the military.

"I hate the war. I think it's a total disaster," said Dmitry, who also asked that he not be identified by his last name, fearing reprisals. "I fear that the government could change the rules, and I could face the draft. They also were saying for months that they wouldn't attack Ukraine, so why should I

trust what they say about the draft now?"

An existing law allows for a 21-month alternative civil service in hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities for those who view military duty as incompatible with their beliefs, but military conscription offices often broadly ignore requests for such service.

After the war began, said Alexei Tabalov, a lawyer who advises conscripts, his group saw a large increase in inquiries about the alternative service law, which is vaguely phrased and allows military officials to easily turn down applications.

"We are worried that in the current militarist mood, military conscription offices can take a tougher attitude and reject appeals for the alternative civil service," he said.



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WORLD & NATION

US: Russia’s war lacks battlefield commander

Void could explain why Putin’s war effort is failing

By Helene Cooper and Eric Schmitt

The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Russia is running its military campaign against Ukraine out of Moscow, with no central war commander on the ground to call the shots, according to U.S. officials who have studied the war that started Feb. 24.

That centralized approach may go a long way to explain why the Russian war effort has struggled in the face of stiffer-than-expected Ukrainian resistance, the officials said.

The lack of a unifying military leader in Ukraine has meant that Russian air, ground and sea units are not in sync. Their disjointed battlefield campaigns have been plagued by poor logistics, flagging morale and between 7,000 and 15,000 military deaths, senior U.S. officials and independent analysts say.

It has also contributed to the deaths of at least seven Russian generals as high-ranking officers are pushed to the front lines to untangle tactical problems that Western militaries would leave to more junior officers or senior enlisted personnel.

A senior U.S. official said that NATO officials and the intelligence community had spent weeks waiting for a Russian war commander to emerge. No one has, leaving Western officials to conclude that the men making decisions are far from the fight, back in Moscow: Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu; Gen. Valery Gerasimov, chief of the general staff of the Russian military; and even President Vladimir Putin.

Last Wednesday, Biden administration officials, citing declassified U.S. intelligence, said Putin had been misinformed by his advisers about the Russian military’s problems in Ukraine.



Ukrainian soldiers inspect a Russian military vehicle last week in Irpin, Ukraine. DANIEL BEREHULAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

The intelligence, U.S. officials said, also showed what appeared to be growing tension between Putin and Shoigu, who was once among the most trusted members of the Kremlin’s inner circle.

Russian officials have disputed the U.S. intelligence assertion, calling it a “complete misunderstanding” of the situation.

But it is hard to run a military campaign from 500 miles away, U.S. military officials said. The distance alone, they said, can lead to a disconnect between the troops who are doing the fighting and the war plans being drawn up in Moscow. Instead of streamlining the process, they said, Russia has created a military machine that is unable to adapt to a quick and nimble Ukrainian resistance.

A second senior U.S. official said that Russian soldiers, who have been taught not to make a single move without explicit instructions from superiors, had been left frustrated on

the battlefield, while Putin, Shoigu and Gerasimov continued to plot increasingly out-of-touch strategy.

This approach means that Moscow transmits instructions to generals in the field, who then transmit them to troops, who are told to follow those instructions no matter the situation on the ground.

“It shows up in the mistakes that are being made,” said retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who served as NATO’s supreme allied commander for Europe during the Kosovo war.

Last month, Ukrainian forces blew up the Russian warship Orsk, which had docked in southern Ukraine. Describing the incident, Clark asked: “Who would be crazy enough to dock a ship in a port” before first securing the area?

That the Russian planners who sent the Orsk into the port were inattentive to the potential danger shows that no one is questioning decisions coming from the top, officials said. The troops at

the bottom are not empowered to point out flaws in strategy that should be obvious, they said.

Military analysts said a complex chain of events, originating with a broken-down command structure that begins in Moscow, had led to the deaths of the Russian generals.

“I do not see the kind of coherent organizational architecture that one would have expected given the months of exercises and presumably even longer period of planning in advance of the invasion,” retired Gen. David Petraeus, who served as the head of the military’s Central Command and as the top commander in Iraq and Afghanistan, said in an email.

In a U.S. war command structure, a four-star field commander would coordinate and synchronize all subordinate air, land and naval forces, as well as special operations and cyberoperations. The campaign would have a

main objective, a center of gravity, with operations supporting that goal.

In the case of the deaths of some of the Russian generals, for instance, the problem originated far away from the battlefield, when Moscow did not respond quickly enough after Ukraine jammed Russian communications, the analysts said.

Putin’s dishonest portrayal of the mission of the Russian military may have hurt its ability to prosecute the effort, which the Russian president initially presented publicly as a limited military operation.

Clark recalled teaching a class of Ukrainian generals in 2016 in Kyiv and trying to explain what an American military “after-action review” was. He told them that after a battle involving U.S. troops, “everybody got together and broke down what happened.”

“The colonel has to confess his mistakes in front of the captain,” Clark said. “He says, ‘Maybe I took too long to give an order.’”

After hearing him out, the Ukrainians, Clark said, told him that could not work. “They said, ‘We’ve been taught in the Soviet system that information has to be guarded and we lie to each other,’” he recalled.

Putin’s decision to send Chechen warlord Ramzan Kadyrov to the besieged Ukrainian city of Mariupol for a victory lap despite the fact that Mariupol has not fallen demonstrates the Russian president’s continued belief that the biggest battle is the information one, said Andrei Soldatov, a Russian security services expert.

The feared Chechen “is a general, not a real military commander,” he said, adding, “This shows that what Putin still believes is that propaganda is the most important thing here.”

Russian officials are signaling that Putin might be lowering his war ambitions and focusing on the eastern Donbas region, although military analysts said it remained to be seen whether that would constitute a meaningful shift or a maneuver to distract attention before another offensive.

The Russian army has already committed more than half of its total combat forces to the fight, including its most elite units. Moscow is now tapping reinforcements from outside Russia, including Georgia, as well as rushing mercenaries from the Wagner Group, a private military company, to eastern Ukraine.

Putin has also signed a decree calling up 134,000 conscripts.

“They seem to have no coherent concept of the amount of force it will take to defeat the Ukrainian regular and territorial forces in urban terrain, and to retain what they destroy or overrun,” said Jeffrey Schloesser, a retired two-star Army general who commanded U.S. forces in eastern Afghanistan. “Hundreds of thousands of more Russian or allied troops will be necessary to do so.”

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EMCOR Group Inc	EME	107.79	↔	135.98	113.86	-1.66	-1.4	▼	▼	-10.6	.9	■	12.7	19	0.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.62	↔	11.58	11.52	0.95	9.0	▲	▲	40.0	53.9	■	-3.7	9	6.1
Ethan Allen	ETD	22.02	↔	32.15	25.67	-0.95	-3.6	▼	▼	-2.4	4.7	■	1.6	8	4.5
Eversource Energy	ES	78.44	↔	92.66	89.84	3.18	3.7	▲	▼	-1.3	4.7	■	10.9	26	2.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	52.10	↔	91.51	83.12	-2.08	-2.4	▼	▲	35.8	54.2	■	3.9	15	4.2
Ford Motor	F	11.14	↔	25.87	16.65	0.18	1.1	▼	▼	-19.8	39.7	■	10.3	4	2.4
Freeport McMoran	FCX	30.02	↔	51.99	50.96	-0.97	-1.9	▲	▲	22.1	52.2	■	30.5	18	0.6
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	↔	15.55	5.74	-0.48	-7.7	▲	▲	10.4	-60.0	■	-19.0
Gen Dynamics	GD	179.85	↔	254.99	242.51	-1.85	-0.8	▼	▲	16.3	35.5	■	6.9	21	2.0
Gen Electric	GE	85.29	↔	116.17	92.49	-1.53	-1.6	▲	▼	-2.1	-12.6	■	-15.2	...	0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	59.86	↔	78.17	72.54	-0.17	-0.2	▲	▲	5.1	9.7	■	10.2	11	2.1
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	↔	236.86	196.03	-1.76	-0.9	▲	▼	-6.0	-8.6	■	12.1	25	2.0
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	13.21	↔	19.08	13.98	-0.01	-0.1	▼	▼	-12.2	5.4	■	12.4	10	8.6
Infosys Ltd	INFY	17.24	↔	26.39	24.61	-0.12	-0.5	▲	▼	-2.8	35.1	■	27.4	38	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	↔	10.37	3.80	0.17	4.7	▲	▼	-23.8	-61.3	■	-11.5
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	↔	68.49	48.11	-3.72	-7.2	▲	▼	-6.6	-20.4	■	9.2	9	3.0

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (■) to bottom 20 percent (■).

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	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	3.82	3.82	Money market account	0.07	0.07
60 month new car loan	3.99	3.99	1 year CD	0.34	0.32
\$30K Home equity loan	6.63	6.63	3 year CD	0.45	0.40
30 year fixed mortgage	4.91	4.56	5 year CD	0.55	0.50
15 year fixed mortgage	4.07	3.88	Savings interest	0.36	0.33

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE			52-WEEK		
		1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.53	-0.01	▲	▲	0.51	0.61	0.01
6-month T-Bill	1.07	0.07	▲	▲	1.03	1.08	0.02
52-week T-Bill	1.69	0.03	▲	▲	1.63	1.69	0.04
2-year T-Note	2.44	0.14	▲	▲	2.27	2.44	0.13
5-year T-Note	2.56	0.01	▲	▲	1.66	2.56	0.65
7-year T-Note	2.50	-0.06	▲	▲	1.13	2.56	0.95
10-year T-Note	2.38	-0.11	▲	▲	0.70	2.49	1.17
30-year T-Bond	2.42	-0.18	▲	▲	0.08	2.60	1.67

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

DOW 30

	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG	1WK	PCT CHANGE	1MO	1YR
1. Chevron Corp	CVX	164.22	-5.09	-3.0	3.5	■	61.4
2. Apple Inc	AAPL	174.31	-0.41	-0.2	6.8	■	49.0
3. UnitedHealth Group	UNH	512.59	-0.44	-0.1	2.8	■	41.0
4. Microsoft Corp	MSFT	309.42	5.74	1.9	6.7	■	36.4
5. Amer Express	AXP	187.17	-3.11	-1.6	8.2	■	33.4
6. Travelers Cos	TRV	185.25	-2.50	-1.3	6.8	■	22.8
7. CocaCola Co	KO	62.82	1.34	2.2	0.5	■	20.2
8. Procter & Gamble	PG	155.09	2.26	1.5	0.0	■	16.6
9. Merck & Co	MRK	83.52	2.18	2.7	7.3	■	15.9
10. McDonalds Corp	MCD	249.25	7.67	3.2	5.7	■	13.1
11. WalMart Strs	WMT	151.01	7.56	5.3	5.7	■	12.0
12. Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	178.19	1.27	0.7	5.1	■	11.4
13. Cisco Syst	CSCO	55.66	0.69	1.3	-1.5	■	11.1
14. IBM	IBM	130.15	-1.20	-0.9	2.8	■	7.8
15. Visa Inc	V	226.36	7.93	3.6	13.0	■	6.3
16. Nike Inc B	NKE	133.52	-0.18	-0.1	1.8	■	5.1
Dow Jones industrial average		34818.27	-42.97	-0.1	+3.6	■	+5.0
17. Dow Inc	DOW	64.18	-0.52	-0.8	9.1	■	3.8
18. Home Depot	HD	301.89	-8.79	-2.8	-6.9	■	3.4
19. Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	330.22	-7.27	-2.2	0.2	■	3.3
20. Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	212.25	1.22	0.6	4.6	■	2.4
21. Amgen	AMGN	243.12	4.33	1.8	4.4	■	0.0
22. Caterpillar Inc	CAT	219.77	-3.59	-1.6	12.3	■	-2.4
23. JPMorgan Chase	JPM	135.31	-6.61	-4.7	0.7	■	-6.6
24. Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	43.86	-3.26	-6.9	-8.1	■	-6.8
25. Verizon Comm	VZ	52.12	0.84	1.6	-5.4	■	-7.6
26. Honeywell Intl	HON	196.03	-1.76	-0.9	4.6	■	-8.1
27. Intel Corp	INTC	48.11	-3.72	-7.2	0.1	■	-17.1
28. 3M Company	MMM	149.69	-0.77	-0.5	2.0	■	-19.2
29. Boeing Co	BA	190.76	1.81	1.0	5.5	■	-22.7
30. Disney	DIS	137.00	-2.41	-1.5	-2.6	■	-24.0

30 BIGGEST FUNDS

FUND	ASSETS		PCT RETURN				
	(in billions)	TICKER	1WK	1MO	1YR	RANK 5YRS*	
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	\$416	VFIAX	0.1	5.7	14.6	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 16.0	
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	313	VTSAX	0.3	5.3	10.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 15.5	
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	177	VGTSX	0.9	2.3	-2.2	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 6.9	
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	162	VIIIX	0.1	5.7	14.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 16.5	
American Growth Fd of America	125	AGTHX	1.1	5.4	3.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 16.6	
Vanguard Institutional Index	115	VINIX	0.1	5.7	14.6	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 16.0	
Fidelity Contrafund	112	FCNTX	-0.4	5.2	7.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 17.9	
American Balanced	91	ABALX	0.1	1.8	6.5	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 9.7	
Dodge & Cox Stock	107	DDOGX	-1.7	4.3	14.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 13.4	
American Income Fd of America	82	AMECX	0.2	2.5	8.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 8.5	
American Washington Mutual	75	AWSHX	-0.5	5.2	15.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 13.8	
American Investment Co. Amer	74	AIVSX	0.1	4.9	10.8	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 12.6	
American Capital Income Bldr	66	CAIBX	0.7	2.5	7.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 6.9	
American Fundamental Investor	64	ANCFX	0.2	4.3	7.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 13.0	
American New Perspective	59	ANWPX	1.5	5.5	2.9	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 15.4	
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	56	CWGIX	0.6	3.4	1.1	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 10.0	
PIMCO Total Return Instl	53	PTTRX	0.1	-3.4	-4.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 2.5	
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	45	FBGRX	0.0	4.9	2.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 23.4	
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	45	VWNAX	-0.4	3.6	10.7	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 13.5	
Vanguard Growth Company	44	FDGRX	0.8	6.0	5.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 24.7	
Dodge & Cox International Stock	43	DDIFX	0.4	4.0	3.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 5.4	
American AMCAP	38	AMCPX	0.8	3.1	2.2	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 13.5	
Fidelity Balanced	36	FBALX	0.6	2.8	6.8	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 12.7	
FrankTemp Income	35	FKINC	0.0	2.8	10.4	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 7.2	
American SmallCap World	32	SMCWX	1.7	1.1	-10.6	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 12.3	
American Bond Fund of America	29	ABNDX	0.6	-3.3	-4.0	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 2.6	
Fidelity Magellan	27	FMAGX	1.2	5.6	10.5	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 16.3	
Fidelity Puritan	27	FPURX	0.0	3.1	6.8	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 12.3	
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	26	FLPSX	-1.0	3.2	6.2	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 11.6	
American EuropePacific Growth	23	AEPGX	1.6	2.2	-10.3	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 7.8	

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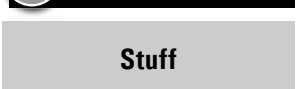
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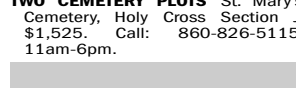
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New York Times Crossword

I’M STILL STANDING

BY AUGUST LEE-KOVACH / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

August Lee-Kovach is a freshman at Concord-Carlisle High School, in Concord, Mass. He started solving crosswords with his family when he was 9. Someone would read the clues aloud and anyone could call out answers. He started constructing puzzles by himself when he was 11. This is his third Times puzzle, starting last October, and his first Sunday. At 14 years 11 months, August is the youngest known person ever to have a Sunday crossword in the paper. —W.S.

- ACROSS**

1 Swears (to)

8 L.A. region

13 Motto meaning “to the stars”

20 Place with carts

21 Square

22 What oil may do in frigid temperatures

23 1990s-2000s Volkswagen seven-seater

24 Things

25 Overseas land measure

26 Not needing a thing

27 “____ homo”

29 Siri uses it

30 Halliwell a.k.a. Ginger Spice

31 Dino friend of Buzz Lightyear

32 “____ it ironic?”

34 Storm

37 What an up arrow might mean

39 Green-light

41 Approximately 5.5 million tons of it was used to build [see circled letters]

43 Bellini opera that takes place in Gaul

46 A = B, B = C, ergo A = C, e.g.

48 Purchase plan

50 Sneaker, in British lingo

51 See 5-Down

55 Committed to memory

56 Western Hemisphere grp.

57 Gunslinger’s cry

59 Former Japanese P.M. Shinzo ____

60 Country between Ghana and Benin

61 Word repeatedly said while plucking petals

62 Clipped

63 Opposing vote from a horse?
- 64 Blue ribbon or gold star

66 Yarn

68 Make secret, in a way

71 A chance to dream

74 It’s often played for

75 Website with an “Everything Else” category

76 Some small batteries

78 C sharp equivalent

80 Mexican poet Juana ____ de la Cruz

81 Sass

82 U.F.C. fighting style

83 Radio host John

84 Head, in slang

85 Play group

87 Frequent victim of an April fool

90 Creep

93 Municipal facility: Abbr.

94 Kind of bar

96 Waterfall feature

98 One forced into a force

100 One-act Oscar Wilde play

101 Burial ____

103 Fútbol cry

104 “You no-good dog,” e.g.

105 Spoils

106 ____ bean

108 Some December purchases

109 They’re stored in pollen grains

111 Villainous “Star Trek” collective

113 Like some chicken cutlets

116 Element named after a German river

120 “Ugh!”

121 Prehistoric Southwest culture

122 Little squirt

123 Sign of success

124 Trendy
- 125 Vardalos of “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”

DOWN

1 Periods in history

2 Level

3 They wrap things up

4 Prefix with system

5 With 51-Across and 15-Down, group in which [see circled letters] is the only one still largely intact

6 Egyptian desert, e.g.

7 Harmonize

8 ____ generis (unique)

9 Prompt

10 Greek name for this puzzle’s enclosed answer

11 Targets

12 Sleeve fillers

13 Not just smart

14 Active sorts

15 See 5-Down

16 Pepper’s rank: Abbr.

17 High-arching shots, in basketball lingo

18 Like a T206 Honus Wagner baseball card

19 Lion in the “Madagascar” movies

28 Most massive dwarf planet in the solar system

30 Pass it on

33 Singers’ star turns

35 Contents of some belts, informally

36 Reason for an R rating

38 It comes before one

39 Regarding

40 Harp-shaped constellation

41 Turkish money
- 42 Provide resources for

44 [Big kiss, dahlings!]

45 Pay (up)

47 ____ and the Pacemakers (1960s pop group)

49 They reflected rank in old Rome

52 “Ooh-la-la!”

53 It gives you a lift

54 2003 #1 Outkast hit

58 Tad

60 Mat made of soft rush

62 You might take them out for a spin

65 Artful

66 Mujeres con esposos

67 Outdoor game for kindergartners

69 Time out?

70 “The Office” role played by Jenna Fischer

72 College voter, perhaps

73 Light shades

74 With 101-Across, where this puzzle’s enclosed answer is located

75 Disney’s ____ of Arendelle

77 Smooth, in a way

79 Number of 101-Acrosses in [see circled letters]

85 Workmates, e.g.

86 Pale ____

87 Tiffs

88 Sleeve filler

89 Brewer Frederick

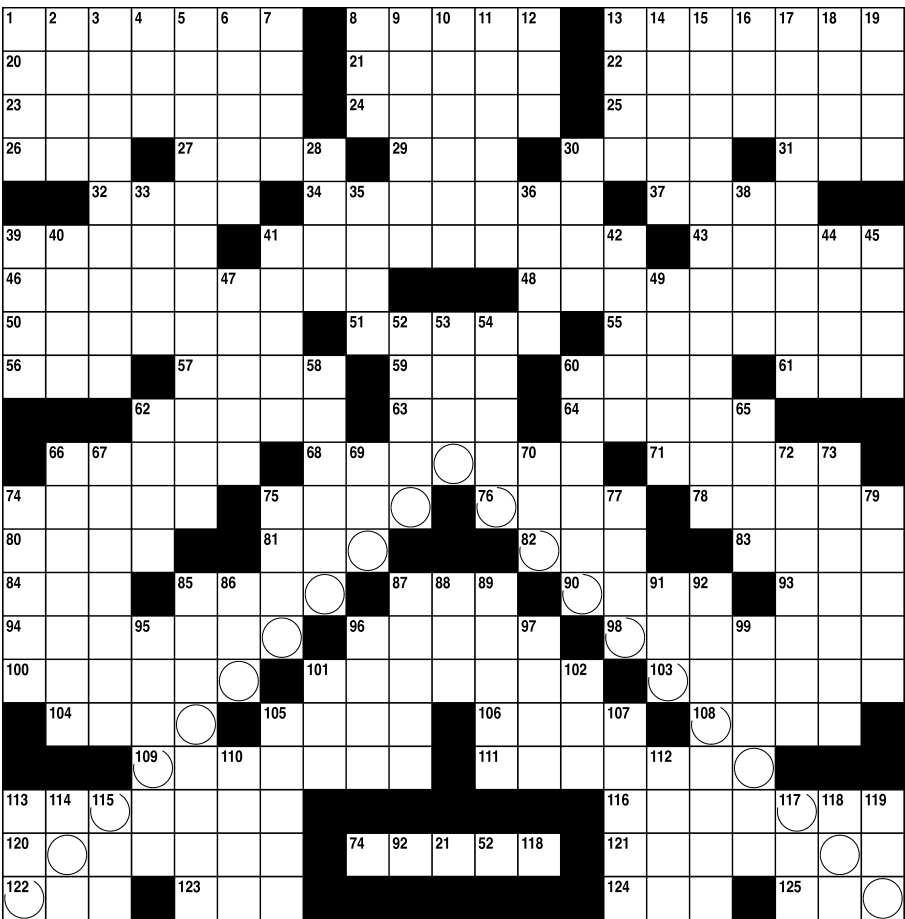
91 ____-Magnon

92 Like a book with a bookmark in the middle, say

95 Chewy confection

96 Oxford, e.g.

97 Michelle of “Crazy Rich Asians”

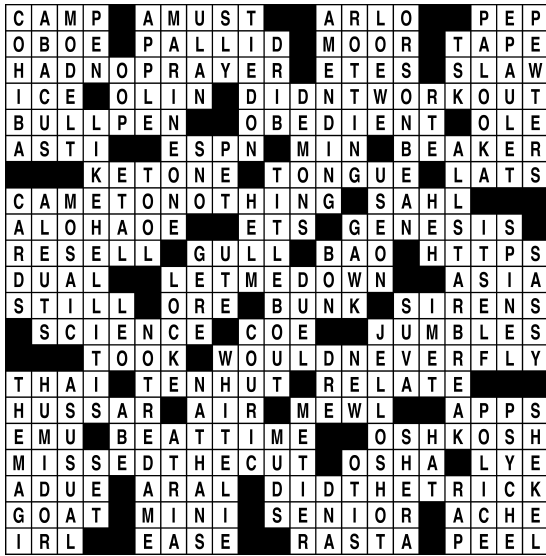


No. 0403

- 99 Fakes
- 101 Hotel offering
- 102 New York town that’s home to Playland amusement park
- 105 Caused
- 107 The “A” of James A. Garfield
- 110 So-called “Iron Lady” of Israeli politics
- 112 “This does not look good!”
- 113 Fell for it
- 114 Pi follower
- 115 “People who love to ____ are always the best people”: Julia Child
- 117 Writer Fleming
- 118 Weapon in “The Terminator”
- 119 Actress Farrow

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Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
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Easter Sunday, April 17
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Good Friday April 15, 2022
Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.
Easter Sunrise Service April 17, 2022
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Maundy Thursday, April 14
Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17
Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am
Easter Worship at 10:00 am

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Palm Sunday
April 10th
9:00 am Blessing of Palms, Passion Gospel and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday
April 14th
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Good Friday
April 15th
7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy, Reading of the Passion

Easter Sunday – April 17th
Alleluia! Christ has risen!
9:00 am Festive Eucharist
Masks suggested. Distancing Required

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Hartford group making medical kits

Ukrainian scouting organization Plast works to aid war effort, help 'keep the culture alive'

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Justin and Julia Nascimento's grandparents fled Soviet Ukraine after World War II. They wound up in a displaced persons camp in Germany, then emigrated to the United States.

On Saturday afternoon, the teenage siblings from Glastonbury

gathered with other members of the Hartford area's Ukrainian American community to help a new generation of embattled Ukrainians.

The youths are members of Plast, a worldwide Ukrainian scouting organization. They assembled at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 135 Wethersfield Ave. in Hartford to make emergency

medical kits for soldiers, volunteers and security personnel resisting Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"It's important to do your part to help people you care about when you have the chance," Julia said.

Her brother said making the kits is part of maintaining Ukrainian heritage, which is one of the everyday goals of Plast. "In America, there is a lot of assimilation. It's important to keep your roots, keeping the culture alive. If Russia wants Ukraine to be part of Russia, I feel like we're helping to [keep the

culture alive]," he said.

Plast is an international nonprofit whose members learn the Ukrainian language, history, culture, geography and traditions. This time of year, the traditional lesson is how to make pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs.

Since the hostilities began in February, Plast has been in the forefront of helping Ukrainians with medical supplies and other humanitarian relief efforts.

On Saturday, the Plast members put together 500 shrink-wrapped

EMKs with vinyl gloves, surgical dressings, butterfly closures, bandages, gauze pads, antibiotic ointment and self-sticking bandage rolls. All the medical material was donated by Eastern Connecticut Health Network.

"This is the bare minimum of what they need. It's to stymie any worsening progress of any injury until they can get into intensive care," said Marie Briggs, who led the EMK project.

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Susan Parker of ProHealth Physicians in Glastonbury is directing an outpatient breast milk dispensary. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

MOTHERS HELPING MOTHERS

State's first outpatient breast milk dispensary opening in Glastonbury

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Connecticut's first outpatient breast milk dispensary — where new mothers who are having problems with lactation can get donated, pasteurized human milk — will open in Glastonbury on April 23.

ProHealth Physicians' Glastonbury Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, 290 Western Blvd., will have a freezer full of donated breast milk for mothers who register with Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast (milkbankne.org) and are approved by their doctors. The mothers can buy milk for their babies for an average cost of about \$4.20 an ounce.

"It's common for milk banks to dispense milk to hospitals, especially for preemies. But there's a need for donor milk outside of hospitals," said Susan Parker, an APRN and lactation counselor who monitors the dispensary. "Maybe the baby has come home and the mom's milk hasn't come in yet. Or she doesn't have enough milk. Maybe her ducts are plugged. Once you leave the hospital it is difficult to get it."

Many communities have informal systems to share milk if a neighbor is in need, Parker said, but those arrangements can have pitfalls.

"Community sharing has

Turn to Milk, Page 2

UConn Law pays tribute to an icon

John Brittain honored 33 years after Sheff v. O'Neill suit was filed

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Friends, colleagues and former students of John Brittain gathered Thursday evening at the UConn School of Law to celebrate the achievements of the longtime professor who focused closely on education and equity.

Less than two weeks earlier, one of Brittain's most enduring legacies became final: The landmark Sheff v. O'Neill settlement agreement, born out of a lawsuit brought in 1989 on which Brittain was a member of the original legal counsel, received final court approval on March 21.

"Professor Brittain's commitment to impactful teaching, advocacy, and service has served as a role model for me throughout my career in the academy," said Eboni S. Nelson, dean of the UConn School of Law. "He epitomizes the values held by UConn Law faculty, both past and present."

"Thank you for 33 years of teachable moments," said Elizabeth Horton Sheff, lead plaintiff in the Sheff v. O'Neill case. "[Brittain] is the type of person who, if you ask him a question, he's going to give you a lecture."

With about 100 guests tucked in the UConn Law's Starr Reading Room, it was a time to reflect



Turn to Brittain, Page 2

State Sen. Abrams opts against reelection bid

Meriden lawmaker doesn't cite reason in emailed statement

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

State Sen. Mary Daugherty Abrams, D-Meriden, who has been absent from the legislative session due to an unspecified illness, announced she will not seek reelection in November.

In an emailed statement, Abrams

made no reference to illness or any other reason for not seeking a third term to the 13th District of Cheshire, Meriden, Middlefield and Middletown.

"Serving in the state Senate has been a tremendous privilege," Abrams said. "The trust and confidence of the residents of our communities to be your voice at the state Capitol is an honor I will never forget."

Abrams had temporarily stepped down from her role as co-chair of the Public Health Committee, leaving Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South

Windsor, as the acting co-chair.

She is the sixth senator to opt against a reelection campaign, and her decision gives the Republican minority an opportunity for a competitive race. The seat has changed hands three times in the past decade.

Republican Len Suzio won the seat in a special election in 2011. Democrat Danté Bartolomeo unseated him in 2012, then lost to him in 2016. Abrams unseated Suzio in 2018 with 52.4% of the

Turn to Abrams, Page 3



State Sen. Mary Daugherty Abrams greets a Vinal Technical student at an unveiling of the school's Emergency Operations Center in 2019. Abrams has announced she will not seek reelection. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT



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been around forever, but you don't know if the milk has been properly stored. You don't know the donor's bacterial loads. There is a risk of infection. This is a safer way," Parker said.

Donors register with Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast (milk-bankne.org/), a nonprofit organization, Parker said. Once approved, they get a number and bags to store milk and instructions on how to store it. Then they drop donations off in Glastonbury.

"There are numerous tests. They have a blood test, a physical exam. They have to make sure that their own babies' milk needs are provided for. It has to be safe for both of them," Parker said. "They have to fill out a questionnaire. Then they can become a donor."

The ideal donor, she said, is a new mom who produces more milk than her baby needs. Moms



A postcard on the door of Susan Parker's office encourages breastfeeding. Parker, of ProHealth Physicians in Glastonbury, is directing an outpatient breast milk dispensary. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

whose babies have died also are good donors, she said. Those donors go through a different approval process.

"When a mother loses a child, it's devastating. Producing milk

for a baby can be part of the healing process," she said.

Glastonbury has been accepting donations since 2020. Those donations have been used at hospital neonatal units. Starting

in late April, outpatient moms can access the dispensary, too.

In Glastonbury, the donations are frozen. Once a week a shipment is sent to Mothers' Milk Bank in Newton, Massachusetts. There, the samples are thawed, examined, pasteurized, put into bottles and refrozen. The bottles are sent back to Glastonbury for distribution.

The dispensary offers an alternative to formula for mothers who aren't able to produce enough milk, Parker said.

"Breast milk is best for babies. It's not cow-based. It's human-based. It has immune components. Babies process breast milk much more easily," she said. "This is a community resource. We want to provide mothers of babies with a safe alternative."

Currently, most insurance companies do not cover breast-milk purchases. Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast spokeswoman Anne Marie Lindquist said breast milk, on average, costs \$4.20 an

ounce.

A bill, HB7165, was signed into law in 2019 by Gov. Ned Lamont that authorized Husky to cover donated breast milk. The bill has not yet been implemented. A call to the state Department of Social Services was not immediately returned.

Lindquist said moms in financial need may get some financial assistance from Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast. She added, though, that the dispensary is not intended to be a long-term solution.

"It's short-term help for families that are struggling for a few days. It's not intended to replace breast feeding. It's intended to ease the mom's mind until her full supply comes in," Lindquist said.

There are outpatient breast-milk dispensaries in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, Lindquist said.

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Brittain

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not only on Brittain's life, but also the school desegregation case that has come to represent desegregation litigation for the 21st century.

"[Sheff v. O'Neill] is the most important school desegregation case nationally," Richard Kahlenberg, director of K-12 equity and senior fellow at The Century Foundation, said during a panel discussion Thursday. "And it has created the most important inter-district school integration effort anywhere in the country."

Brittain grew up in Norwalk and later attended Howard University, where he received his bachelor's and law degrees. It was there he met his best friend, Sanford Cloud Jr., former state senator and member of the UConn Board of Trustees.

Brittain and Cloud parted after graduation, as Brittain headed first to Mississippi to litigate school desegregation cases and later to work for a private practice in San Francisco in the early 1970s.

Cloud was soon approached by former UConn School of Law Dean Phillip I. Blumberg, who was looking for candidates to help increase faculty diversity.

"There's only one person I had in mind," Cloud remembers thinking. "I knew that [Brittain] was the right person because he could fill the level of excellence with integrity that I knew Dean Blumberg demanded, and was required."

"I said 'John, it's time for you to come back home to Connecticut,'" Cloud said.

Cloud's message to Brittain was to keep "one foot in the classroom and another in the courtroom," borrowing a phrase from mentor and civil rights leader Herbert O. Reid, who taught law at Howard University.

Brittain joined the UConn Law faculty in 1977. In the classroom, he was known as demanding but encouraging. Brittain became dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in 1999.

And in the courtroom, Brittain's work on school desegregation continued. He joined the preparations of the Sheff v. O'Neill case, despite the awkward position of being a University of Connecticut law professor suing the state of Connecticut.

But for Brittain and the other civil rights attorneys, the fight was necessary. Kahlenberg said the state of school desegregation lawsuits before Sheff vs. O'Neill "was a depressing scene."

"The federal courts had given up on school desegregation. They were moving backward," he said.

According to Philip Tegeler, executive director of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council, Milliken v. Bradley (1974) made for especially difficult precedent.

In Milliken v. Bradley, plaintiffs originally argued that Detroit public schools system under former Gov. William Milliken were racially segregated — not explicitly, but rather as a result of policies like exclusionary zoning and redlining. A lower court agreed and drew up a desegregation busing plan that involved more than 50 surrounding school districts.

The case eventually reached the Supreme Court of the United States, which ruled 5-4 in favor of Milliken. The court deemed the lower court's desegregation plan was "wholly impermissible" because it could not be proven that the school districts surrounding Detroit were deliberately segregated.

The decision affirmed the federal courts' reluctance to act on de facto segregation and dealt a blow to advocates of metropolitan, interdistrict remedies.

It also underscored the difficulties, even after 20 years, of implementing the historic Brown v

Board of Education case.

So what made the Sheff case different? Civil rights lawyers looked at the state constitution instead.

Connecticut and New Jersey are the only states with constitutions that include an equal protection clause in addition to a fundamental right to education.

The Connecticut Constitution also explicitly bars segregation "in the exercise of a fundamental right," Brittain said.

Sheff's legal counsel, including Martha Stone, executive director of the Center for Children's Advocacy, combined these protections to create a single constitutional provision, arguing that every student has a right to an integrated education.

"Sheff vs. O'Neill was the only case that ever found that the cause of the segregation, particularly in urban districts in comparison with suburban districts, was the boundary line between urban and suburban schools," Brittain said. "Therefore, that led to a remedy that we call interdistrict desegregation."

The interdistrict program is now known as the Choice program, which allows some Hartford students to attend suburban schools or a growing network of magnet schools.

Under the most recent agreement, finalized in March, the state of Connecticut promises to meet 100% of demand for Choice seats among Hartford students.

Kahlenberg said the decision to appeal to the state constitution was "ingenious."

"I'd love to see it spread to all the other states," he said.

In some places, it already has. A New Jersey judge recently heard oral arguments in a similar school desegregation case. In Minnesota, a school desegregation case was sent to appeals court in December.

David Scharfenberg, an editorial and staff writer for the Boston Globe's Ideas section, recently argued for a Sheff-style lawsuit to be brought against Massachusetts to address the segregation in Boston schools.

Asked if there was anything she would do differently about the case, Stone said she would have perhaps pushed harder for housing equity and regionalization — the plaintiff's first-choice remedy.

The housing claim was in the original complaint, but the attorneys had to remove it before trial, Tegeler said.

"But it still is there to be filed by someone else," Tegeler added.

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vote and was reelected in 2020 with 52.75%.

Democrats hold a 23-13 majority. Four Republicans and two Democrats are not seeking reelection, most in competitive districts.

Abrams retired in 2017

after 25 years as a special education teacher and another decade as an administrator. She is married to James Abrams, a judge and former state representative.

In her retirement statement, she addressed her family and constituents.

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve and to the countless number of you who helped me serve in this role,” she said. “I must also thank my family. Without their unwavering support I would never have been able to be a state Senator.”

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Julia Nascimento, left, and Zennon Briggs make emergency medical kits for Ukraine on Saturday at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hartford. **SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT**

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The kits were made with instructions by trauma surgeon Dan Olesnick, who posted a video on his YouTube page on how to make them. Olesnick emphasized that EMKs must contain essential items but be as flat as possible — to make them portable by anyone — and shrink-wrapped to protect against rain.

Volunteers age 5 to adult made EMKs in assembly-line fashion, chatting in Ukrainian as they worked. One of the adults was Alexandra Naumenko of Wallingford. Naumenko's son, who

is fluent in Ukrainian, is in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

“He is supporting troops in Poland in case backup is needed down the road,” Naumenko said.

Some of the volunteers still have family and friends in Ukraine.

“Most of my relatives who live there live in western Ukraine, in the area of Lviv. They don't want to leave. They said, ‘This is our home. We want to stay here,’ ” Briggs said.

She said a friend is living off food that was left behind by neighbors who evacuated.

“He's a translator for the BBC. So he is working, when he's not in a bomb shelter,”

she said.

Some volunteers cited the tragedy of Ukraine's distress, considering its suffering during the '40s. About 7 million Ukrainians, civilian and military, died during World War II, and about 200,000 fled afterward.

“It's like the people are reliving the horror of Stalin,” Naumenko said.

Lydia Nascimento, Justin and Julia's mother, agreed. “It's hard to believe that in my mother's lifetime, a similar situation would happen twice,” she said.

To donate to Plast, visit plastusa.org/scouts forukraine.

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SSgt Aisha Chang of New London, left, and TSgt Raymond Arzu of Waterbury take a selfie at a welcome home ceremony for 200 airmen, airwomen and soldiers for 103rd Air Control Squadron, 103rd Airlift Wing and 1943rd Contingency Contracting Team at the Bradley Air National Guard Base in East Granby on Saturday. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Yale offers \$10K reward in missing employee case

Staff report

Yale University is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of Anton Sovetov, a university employee who was last seen by colleagues nearly two months ago, according to a spokesperson.

“Mr. Sovetov is a beloved member of Yale's staff,” Yale Police Chief Ronnell Higgins said in a statement. “We are doing everything in our power to find him.”

The university asks that anyone with information call a new tip line at 866-888-8644. Eligibility for the reward will be determined based upon the information provided, the university statement said.

Sovetov, 44, who is a graphic designer in the Yale Office of Public Affairs & Communications, was last in touch with university colleagues on Feb. 4,

the statement said. “He was seen the following day on a video camera leaving the Elm City Market on Chapel Street and walking toward his nearby apartment shortly before 6 p.m. Police were notified that he was missing on Feb. 9.”

The university said the case remains a priority and “Yale officers have been assisted by the New Haven Police Department Investigative Services Unit, along with other state and local authorities.”

Further, police entered Sovetov “as a missing person in national law enforcement databases, the Connecticut Online Law Enforcement Communication Teleprocessing System, and the National Crime Information Center,” the state-



ment said. That information is “electronically communicated throughout the country. If a local, state or federal law enforcement agency encounters Sovetov, and a check is conducted, the agency would be alerted that he is a missing person.”

Sovetov is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs about 200 pounds. He has short brown hair and blue eyes and a mustache and beard. He is a 2016 graduate of the Yale School of Art and joined the university staff in 2017, according to the university.

Higgins urged those affected by Sovetov's disappearance to seek counseling support services available to the university community, the statement said.

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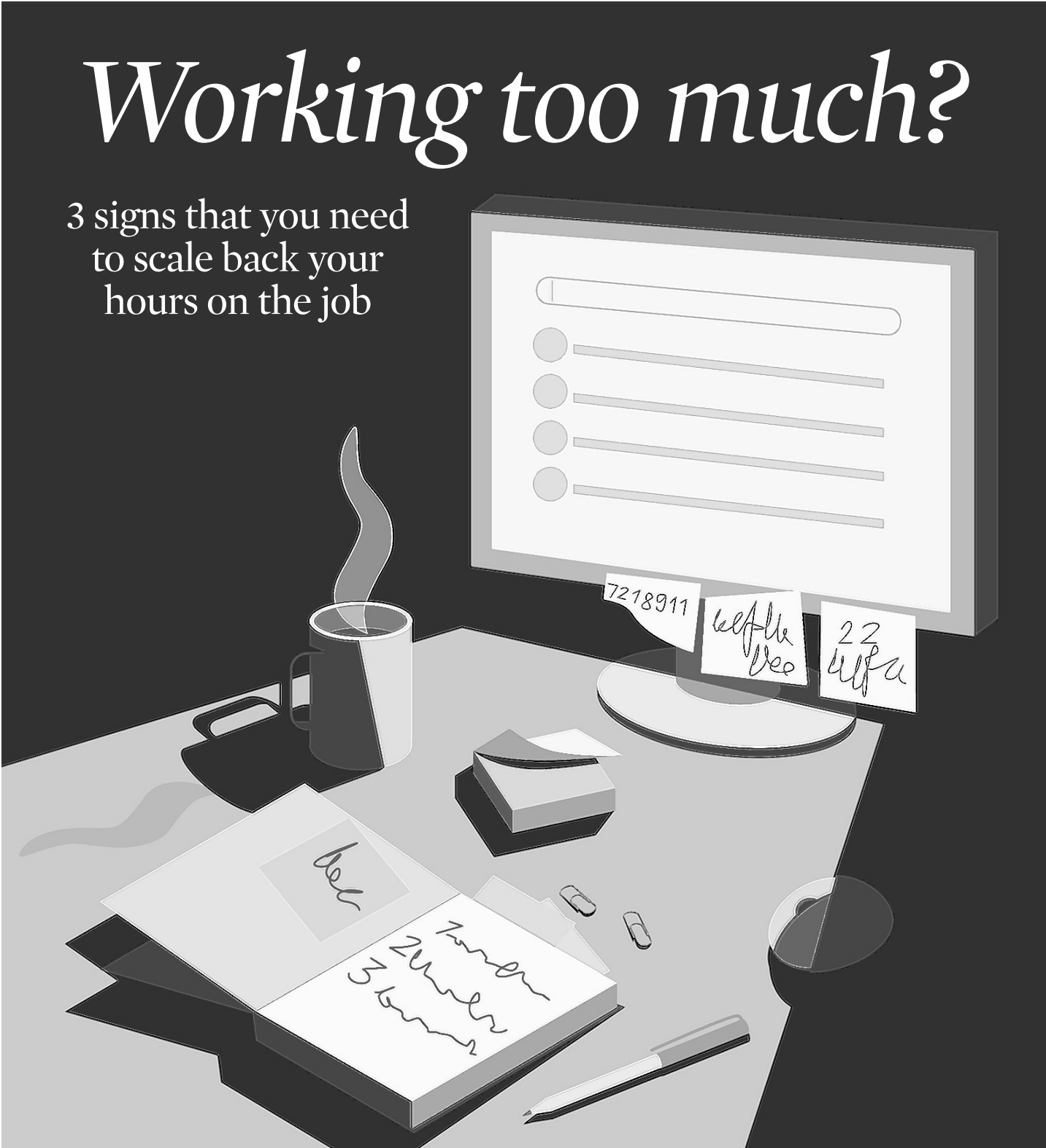
If you're working on salary, the money you make for the job you do is paid to you for fulfilling your job, not for the number of hours worked. Yet there are some workplaces where long days are treated like a badge of honor, with disastrous consequences to mental and physical health — not to mention productivity. Realistically, how can you figure out how many hours you should be working? After all, it's unlikely your to-do list is ever going to be finished. What are the signs that you're working too many hours?

1. Doing too much 'fake work'

If you're engaged in knowledge work, you have to stay concentrated on tasks to be effective. If a particular project calls for a long workday, you can dig deep into your reserves and push through to get it done. When you do that, though, you're often borrowing resilience from subsequent workdays. Whenever you have been working too many hours, you will find an uptick in what I affectionately call "fake work." That's when you sit at your desk and do things that look like work but aren't. You shuffle a few papers around. You check some websites. You pick up your phone and get sucked into social media. Doing a little fake work is common, particularly when you transition from one task to another. But when you are working a lot of hours, you may find that an increasingly large proportion of your time involves doing things that are irrelevant to the work you're supposed to be doing. That's a good sign you should work fewer hours.

2. Feeling uncreative

Much of your work probably involves solving new problems. It's easy to do something when the answer is already known. But often you have to find a way to do something that hasn't been done quite that way before. You're being paid to be at least a little creative. When you work too many hours, you are likely to find it difficult to generate really creative solutions. As you get mentally tired, you may find it hard to hold all the elements of a problem in mind. Your thoughts will tend to skip from one thing to another. As a result, you may get stuck when solving a problem or fall back on a tried-and-true solution. Either way, this is a good sign that you ought to leave work and do something else.



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3. Failing the reading test

Concentrating is tiring. Even if you're getting enough sleep (though there is a good chance that you're not), your work will drain you physically. There is an easy way to determine whether you need a break — and it takes

only 10 minutes. Grab a book or article that explains a complex concept that you need to understand for work. (In general, you should have a stack of things you want to learn about nearby, because expanding your range of knowledge is crucial for effective thinking.) Read for 10 minutes.

If you can stay awake and retain what you read after 10 minutes, you're doing fine. If you are falling asleep or find your mind wandering just a few minutes into reading, then it's time for a break. Cut back on the hours you're working, so that you can pass this reading test most of the time.

Work a 4-day week without overloading on meetings

By Elizabeth Grace Saunders
Fast Company

You start with excitement at the accomplishment of getting your new schedule approved: "Yes! I negotiated a four-day work week. This will give me the opportunity to have a bit more breathing room on my extra day off." Then disillusionment sets in: Why can't I get all of my work done? Why does it feel like all I do is attend meetings? How is it that I often end up working five days when I'm supposed to have an extra day off? If these statements sound familiar, you may need some help adjusting five-day's worth of meetings and tasks into four-day's worth of time. You may feel you have so many responsibilities to cram into your shortened work week, you don't have any time to get work done. As a time management coach, I help my clients think about how to invest their time strategically, so they can maximize their productivity within the hours they want to work. Here are my top five tips for working a four-day week and having time for more than just sitting in meetings.

Step 1: Define your hours
If you've transitioned from five, 8-hour days to four, 10-hour days, the scope of your work hasn't likely changed too much. But if your intention with working four days a week is to only spend 80% of your



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week on work, then you're also looking to change your schedule, in addition to changing your workload. To shift both, it may require you to take certain responsibilities off of your plate. Or, it could mean reducing the expectations from your superior on turnaround, so that you can work at a slower pace.

Step 2: Block your time
If you are working four, 10-hour days, I recommend blocking the beginning and end of your days, at minimum, so that no one can schedule meetings with you. Not only does this reserve time for you to get things done, it decreases the probability that people in your meetings will just be waking up or exhausted from working a full day. Another strategy is to block the first half of your day when you're at your desk as "on-ramp" time, and then the last

half of the day on your final work day as "wrap-up" time. However, if you know you have a big project on your docket, you'll likely need to block additional time. Whether you're working reduced hours or simply a shortened-day schedule, these buffers can give you the opportunity to ease into your workweek and to end without feeling like you have a lot of loose ends.

Step 3: Reduce recurring meetings
Moving to a four-day work week offers a good opportunity to re-evaluate all of your recurring meetings and ask yourself: Does this meeting really need to be on my schedule? In particular, think about meetings where it feels like there's not a lot of new information to talk about each week, you don't gain or give much, or where there is redundancy with multiple individuals from your team present. See if you can eliminate these meetings from your schedule entirely. Or, if this is not possible, consider shortening the length of the meetings or reducing their frequency. Also, if you have some say in when recurring meetings are scheduled, try to group them together so you have certain segments of the day that are heavier on meetings and other parts of the day that are naturally more open to get things done.

Step 4: Reject ad hoc meetings
Some ad hoc meetings can provide

tremendous value. Sometimes, a few minutes on the phone or in the hallway can help you solve more than a mountain of emails. However, some impromptu meetings are less necessary and fracture your day into broken and inefficient portions of time. In my world, I try to get myself out of as many of these meetings as possible, since I know even the briefest of chats can add up. If someone emails me, particularly from outside my business, and wants to set up a meeting to explain something, I'll reply by first asking for more information. Usually, I can skim through what they send in less than a minute at a convenient time for me, instead of having to take 15 minutes to talk when I could be focusing on a complex task.

Step 5: Run meetings efficiently
With returning back to the office, it's nice to have some time during meetings to catch up with one another. Yes, not every minute of meetings needs to be the epitome of efficiency, but it is good to run meetings in an effective and efficient manner. That means going into meetings understanding the objective, sticking to the main points, and getting clarity on next steps. And, as a bonus, it's helpful to have someone write down the meeting notes and share them with the group, so people can remember and act on what was discussed.



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Crypto is risky — that’s why you should invest in it



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

As cryptocurrencies have become more mainstream, average investors have wondered whether and how to use them safely and effectively in their portfolios.

I recommend Ric Edelman’s “The Truth About Crypto: A Practical, Easy-to-Understand Guide to Bitcoin, Blockchain, NFTs and Other Digital Assets” (Simon and Schuster). This book, which will be available in May in both paperback and Kindle editions, covers crucial issues associated with digital assets. Edelman shows you why investing in digital assets will enhance your portfolio.

Edelman comes with impressive recommendations. Barron’s has ranked him the nation’s No. 1 independent financial adviser. Several years ago, he wrote “The Truth About Your Future: The Money Guide You Need Now, Later and Much Later” (Simon and Schuster). In that book, early in the age of crypto, he wrote about the importance of digital assets.

He created the Digital Assets Council of Financial Professionals (DACFP), which is widely regarded as the premier resource of this topic. Edelman now devotes the majority of his time to DACFP. Over the last decade, he has trained thousands of financial advisers and corporate executives regarding blockchain and digital assets. The organization’s website, DACFP.com, provides contacts for financial advisers who can offer advice about investing in digital assets.

In “The Truth About Crypto,” Edelman explains why blockchain is so transformative. There are thousands of commercial applications for blockchain technology. Some of the commercial applications are consumer purchases, corporate finance, foreign trade and supply chain management. Blockchain offers advantages such as banking and credit to billions of people in the world who have smartphones but don’t have access to banks. Blockchain has the potential to eliminate poverty globally and raise the standard of living for billions of individuals who live in poverty.

Edelman also discusses the basics associated with blockchains, how they work and the role of bitcoins and other digital assets in the process.

Is it too late to buy bitcoin? A survey by Ernst and Young and Intertrust indicated



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that 31% of hedge fund managers planned to add significant digital assets to their portfolios by 2023, and to invest an average of 7.2% of their portfolios in crypto by 2025.

This suggests an inflow of \$312 billion, equal to more than a third of bitcoin’s current value. It is not too late to invest.

Naturally, there are risks in investing in digital assets. Edelman writes that because digital assets are an emerging asset class, we should consider the possibility of a massive and permanent market crash in the prices of digital assets. He discusses several reasons, such as market manipulation, technological obsolescence, the vagaries of consumer/investor demand, regulatory intervention, rogue custodians and scams. As a scam example, Edelman says Dogecoin is a distraction and dangerous. He says don’t buy it.

Digital assets carry high risk, but that’s exactly why Edelman believes you should invest in them. He refers to research done by Nobel laureate Harry Markowitz on correlation. Two assets that rise and fall simultaneously are positively correlated, so you are no better off if you owned only one. However, if they are negatively

correlated, then if you owned both, your overall risk is sharply reduced. However, if you add a third asset with higher risk, then you not only reduce the overall losses of the portfolio at any one time but you also improve its overall return because the third asset makes more money than the other two. So you get higher returns with lower risk.

Bitcoin’s correlation to other assets is very low: with bonds it is 0.25; with equities, 0.12; with gold, 0.07 and with commodities, 0.00. The bottom line is that adding a risky asset to a portfolio helps to reduce the portfolio’s overall risk.

How much of your portfolio should you place into digital assets? Edelman is very conservative in this regard. He recommends only 1% of your portfolio should be invested in digital assets to minimize your risk.

How do you choose the right assets? In a conversation I had with him, Edelman recommended exploring funds managed by Greyscale, Bitwise and Osprey. He also recommends using dollar cost averaging.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliott@gmail.com.

The future of AI in business

By Steven I. Weiss | Inc.

Every company is going to be affected by artificial intelligence technology — even companies that operate entirely outside the technology space. New products and use cases are constantly appearing, and embracing them can help a business achieve new efficiencies.

A massive report on tech trends published by the Future Today Institute highlights many ways that AI will be developed and deployed.

For founders trying to solve problems inside their company, looking at the next generation of products that are AI-enhanced could be an easy pathway toward a solution.

Here are three predictions about how AI will wind its way into company processes, even for companies whose focus is not on AI at all.

1. AI will identify points failure in the work environment

Making workplaces safer for employees is a constant concern, and AI tools are coming along to assist in that effort. The report highlights two areas — predicting workplace injuries and predicting systems and site failures — where products can monitor your company for potential pitfalls. On injuries, the report highlights the work of Turkish company Intenseye, which identifies workplace injuries as they happen, while San Francisco-based Voxel monitors employees to determine when “high-risk activities” are



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being undertaken.

As with all AI systems, being wary of the model’s bias — the software might not assert an injury has taken place when it has, or that certain activity is high-risk when it’s actually not — and taking steps to prevent such bias from affecting human decision-making on these issues, is a key component to implementing such products properly, safely and ethically.

2. AI will help eliminate repetitive work tasks

Replicating relatively boring and mindless intensive tasks with algorithms and machines is a technology that offers a lot of promise today. According to the report, this area of AI is “the most commonly deployed AI technique among enterprise companies.” The use cases are all over a company’s work: from repetitive paperwork and filing efforts, to assisting customer support efforts like call centers and help desks, to plowing through large

amounts of information to highlight what’s relevant.

If it’s work that is relatively simple and repetitive, there’s a good chance you can give your employees software or other tools to do it instead, taking the load off them and freeing them up to do the human-centered work you really hired them for.

3. AI will assess physical spaces and objects

The work of insurance companies already brings AI into models that quickly assess damage to vehicles and buildings. If your company maintains fleets and facilities, you could find your insurance company assisting you with software that incorporates such technologies. And it won’t be long before similar technology is used in many other ways — to ensure that all of a company’s storefronts have consistent signage or that a salad bar is properly stocked, for example.



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Getting started at investing

On a recent radio interview, I was asked to talk with a 19-year-old college student about her financial future. Like most students, she expected to graduate with federal student loan debt.

But she had a positive attitude, and was working while in school. She wanted some advice on how to get started investing with only a small amount of money.

That got me thinking about the advice I gave in my first book, “Terry Savage Talks Money,” published in 1990. The same story is also included in my most recent book, “The Savage Truth on Money” (3rd edition), published just two years ago, because it has stood the test of time.

Time is money

When you’re young, time seems unlimited but money is scarce. My goal was to get young people to leverage their best asset: time.

I started by pointing out the dangers of debt. I noted that if you charged \$2,000 on your credit card, at a 19.8% annual interest rate (and a \$40-a-year fee for the card), and if you made only minimum monthly payments on that debt, it would take you 31 years and 2 months to pay off the balance. Plus, you would have paid slightly more than \$8,000 in interest!

On the other hand, if you invested that \$2,000 in an IRA using a S&P 500 stock index fund — which had an average historical return of 10.1% — your account would be worth \$38,389 at the end of that same 31-year period. And, if you invested only \$2,000 in your IRA every year for that 31 years, your account would be worth \$364,000 in 31 years.

I noted that while young people might not have an extra \$2,000 a year laying around, it works out to just \$38.46 a week.

I was amazed to realize that 31 years had passed since I created this story. The stock market lived up to its historical returns — and then some. Many people have astonishing amounts in their IRA.

In 1990, it wasn’t easy to start investing a small amount of money. In fact, only one mutual fund (which has since raised its minimums) provided that opportunity. But now it’s easy.

You can “trade” for free — no commissions — at many major brokerage firms. You can start investing in individual stocks with just \$1 at Robinhood. And if you work for a company that offers a 401(k) plan, just sign up.

But to get our student started on making a regular investment plan from her part-time earnings, I sent her to Acorns.com.

There you can start with as little as \$3 per month and invest in one of five diversified portfolios designed by a Nobel laureate economist. There’s even a “sustainability” portfolio, using ESG metrics to invest in socially responsible companies.

For a young person, Acorns will likely recommend its growth portfolio, taking the worry out of making investment decisions. And it will arrange for an automatic monthly contribution taken from a checking or savings account.

The icing on this cake is that you can enroll your credit cards and checking account for an automatic “round up” of your purchases to the next highest dollar. Those extra pennies are swept into your investment account when they total \$5. It’s painless and simple.

Since our student is working, I recommended that she make her account a Roth IRA, so the money could grow and compound tax free over the years for her retirement. I advised her to view the tab marked “Acorns Later” to do that.

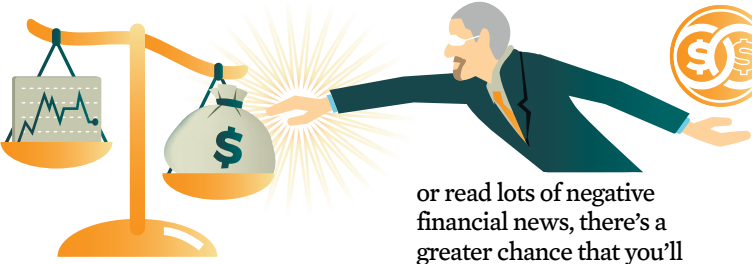
I could hear her slight shock at my suggestion that she start to save for retirement at age 19. So I gave her the “kicker” line from that original investment story from more than 31 years ago: “If you invested that \$2,000 a year in your IRA every year for 50 years, at that average 10.1% S&P 500 return, in 50 years your account would be worth nearly \$2.5 million.” She would be age 71 then, just about ready to retire.

And that, my young friends, is the Savage Truth: Time is money!

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four bestselling books, including “The Savage Truth on Money.” Terry responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

Investment tips that can reduce worry in retirement

People planning to retire in the near future have greater concerns about their investments than ever before. But they shouldn’t let outside forces they can’t control overwhelm their ability to prioritize, adjust and invest wisely.



Don’t give in to knee-jerk reactions
Turn off the mainstream media financial news programs and random Google searches. They are meant to stoke fear because fear gets viewers and readers. If you listen long enough

or read lots of negative financial news, there’s a greater chance that you’ll end up making an ill-advised, poorly timed decision about your investments. Instead, let the curiosity that media sparks lead you to search out personalized advice.

Differentiate your money between short-term and long-term
Some advisers will tell people they can withdraw a certain percentage of their money every year and be fine. But that approach leads retirees to think that it’s all one pot of money that works just the same, regardless of what type of account they have used for their savings and how the account is invested. This creates an incomplete picture. In reality, they will use some money in the short-term and some in the long-term. For starters, simply by separating the money into those two time frames can help craft a smarter investment and income-distribution strategy.

Invest in quality companies for the long term
Because of inflation, longevity, expenses and all the things you want to do in retirement, your money needs to grow over the long term. An enjoyable retirement depends largely on realizing steady growth from investments; therefore, retirees should be invested in some amount of equities.

Let integrated planning help your decisions
A solid investment strategy is about more than what is in your portfolio and its percentage return; it must be integrated into your overall income, investing and tax retirement plan. This is where the additional value of an adviser can be realized. Most advisers don’t do integrated planning and, therefore, tend to miss opportunities to maximize income withdrawals, investing efficiency and tax minimization.

SOURCE: Kiplinger

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Berlin
Francis W. Gobar
Kenneth Scheer

Bloomfield
Marie L. Jourdain
Errol A. Layne
Julie Verrengia

Bristol
Gary A. Gibson

Canton
James R. Hindman

Colchester
Michael A. Krieger

East Hartford
Mark J. Havel
Michael D. Shea

Farmington
Peter M. Antos
Clifford P. Heintz

Glastonbury
Angelo J. Dimarco
Mary Valentine

Granby
Evelyn Jean Rotondo

Hartford
Mary Asberry
Angelo J. Dimarco
John M. Gavin, Jr.
Robert B. Goldberg
Mark J. Havel
Zosia Labedzki
John Powers
Samuel W. Stevenson, Jr.
Theodore T. Tansi

Hebron
Timothy D. Mcguire

Manchester
Kenneth Chadwick
Timothy D. Mcguire
David A. Wiater, Jr.

New Britain
Francis W. Gobar
Kenneth Scheer

Old Saybrook
Janet U. Dagenhart

Other Towns in CT
Peter M. Antos
David Brown
Benard P. Esselink
Robert R. Mclellan
John Powers
John P. Rogers
Fred Stefanik, Jr.

Simsbury
Clifford P. Heintz
Ralph W. Monaco
Daniel A. Piano
Robert D. Porter
John P. Rogers
Evelyn Jean Rotondo
Theodore T. Tansi
Julie Verrengia

South Windsor
David A. Wiater, Jr.

Southington
Robert J. Kalvinek

Storrs
Lisa M. Williams

Torrington
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Vernon
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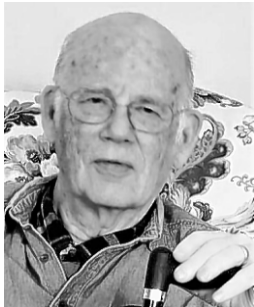
Windsor
Samuel W. Stevenson, Jr.
Beverly A. Yesaitis

Windsor Locks
Patricia A. Williams

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Antos, Peter Moore



Peter Moore Antos, of Farmington, CT, died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 20, 2022 with his wife and daughter at his side. He had been working hard to recover following a traumatic fall last November.

Peter was born June 8, 1945 at Hartford Hospital to Louis and Ruth (Moore) Antos, both deceased. After attending Renbrook School, Peter graduated in 1963 from The Loomis Chaffee School. He attended Tufts University, graduating in 1967 with a B.A. in Economics and Psychology. Next came an M.B.A. from Columbia University School of Business along with Doctoral studies in Finance. He was also a Chartered Financial Analyst since 1980.

His career took him to Arnold Bernhard & Company in 1971 where he was a senior analyst/ editor for Value Line Investment Survey. In 1976, he joined Connecticut Mutual, (which later became Mass Mutual-owned Oppenheimer Funds) working his way up in the investment department to Senior Portfolio Manager from 1989-2000. During those years, his expertise, along with a dedicated team, was recognized in various investment publications for their successes: Money, Investor Advisor, Kiplinger's, etc. In fact, in the October 1995 edition of Mutual Funds, Peter was dubbed "The Lord of Discipline" due to his investing approach. Before retiring in 2002, he spent two years as Senior Vice President, Equities at One Beacon Insurance.

His retirement years gave him time to spend with family: his wife of 55 years, Dianne (Pronovost); his son, Mike, spouse Cheryl (Rizzo) and grandchild, Joseph Peter of Monrovia, CA; and his daughter, Kathryn Antos Mikkelsen, husband Chad and granddaughters, Alyssa Anne and Amanda Ruth of Arlington, MA. He took up lawn bowling, enjoyed tending indoor plants, (especially Christmas cacti), volunteered at Stanley-Whitman House and Museum's dooryard gardens, and read voraciously-3 newspapers daily, plus books of various genres, especially Science Fiction. His dry, witty sense of humor was endearing. His love and devotion to his family were role model quality.

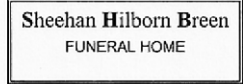
A member of United Methodist Church of Hartford since his baptism in 1947, Peter's faith was an integral part of his being. There he served in numerous ways – Board of Trustees, first as chairman and then as treasurer; Church Council, church Finance chairman, webmaster, Sunday services sound operator. During the 1980's, Peter coached the West Hartford Soccer League.

Besides his immediate family, Peter is survived by a sister, Martha (Antos) Herrick and her husband, Fred; a brother, David Antos and his wife Carol (Benson); nieces, nephews, great-nieces and a great-nephew. His life was also enriched by many wonderful, caring friends.

The family would like to thank the dedicated, hardworking people who cared for him at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital. A special applause and gratitude to all the staff at Meadow Brook of Granby for their commitment and caring during his time there.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held at United Methodist Church of Hartford, 571 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT, Sunday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m. Burial in the Antos family plot in Glastonbury's The Green Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Peter's memory to the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut (BIAC), 200 Day Hill Road, Suite 250, Windsor, CT 06095.

Arrangements are being made through Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, West Hartford, CT. The family would love to hear your stories or memories of Peter. You may send them online to www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com. This quiet, unassuming, loving man will be sorely missed!



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Chadwick, Kenneth



Kenneth William Chadwick, 101, our beloved Dad and humble constituent of "The Greatest Generation", landed on his final shore on Sunday, March 27, 2022, as he wished, in the comfort of his own home. Born at home on Hackmatack Street in Manchester, CT on October 4th, 1920, to William H. and Mary A. Chadwick, he was a 1938 graduate of Manchester High School and lived most of his life in town. His life was shaped by the work of his hands and his mechanical abilities, first at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in his early years, where he was deferred from military service for a time due to his work in the defense industry. He trained many on his line, but the final few before his deployment were some of the original "Rosie the Riveters". Ken was a proud World War II veteran, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, deployed to the Asiatic Pacific Theater, serving in an Australian shipyard, landing infantry on islands in the South Pacific on LST boats (New Guinea, Luzon), earning a Philippine Liberation Medal, and finally, preceding his honorable discharge, serving in Tokyo, Japan after VJ Day. Serendipitously, he was called up to troubleshoot repairs to General MacArthur's boat when the General's dedicated crew needed a "master mechanic".

After the war, Ken began building for his future; his day job at Don Willis Garage, saving paycheck to paycheck, and subsequently building his own garage cinder block by cinder block. Thus, Ken's Garage in Andover, CT was born, truly a labor of love, with the love of his life, Julie by his side. Rumor has it, she even felled a few trees! Miss Quinn, R.N., first caught his eye at Manchester Memorial Hospital and the rest, as they say, is history. They married in 1949, after a courtship interrupted by wartime, and were most proud of their two children, Ken Jr and Rosemary. Ken Sr was a long-standing member of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, and member and past president of The Independent Garage Owners Association. Importantly, Ken's Garage became a "full employment act" for more than one generation of Chadwicks!

In his retirement, Kenneth pledged the fraternal Scottish Rite of Masons and was a member in good standing of the Manchester Lodge at the time of his passing.

Ken was predeceased by his parents, his wife Julia of 39 years, loving companion Marion Temple, his brother Clayton Chadwick and sister Virginia Johnson, and brother- and sister-in-law Wesley Swanson and Betty Chadwick. Immediate survivors include his son Kenneth Chadwick Jr and his wife Cheryl of East Bridgewater, MA; his daughter Rosemary Clarke and her husband Thomas of Simsbury, CT; grandchildren Kyle Chadwick (Christen) of Hingham, MA, Elliott Clarke (Kristin) of Stonington, CT, Caitlin (Chadwick) Marchenko (Igor) of Carver, MA; eight great grandchildren, Cara, William & Emily Chadwick, Wynn & Virginia Clarke, and Grace, Julia and Luke Marchenko; brother Arthur Chadwick of Oxford, CT; sister Dorothy Swanson of Glastonbury, CT; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Special thanks to Marion's daughter, Lori Temple, who supported Dad with homemade meals and his favorite cookies and loyal companionship until the end, and whose family Matt and Lauren LaPointe, Jessica and Brendan Few, Jazia LaPointe and Anjelica Dumas, all loved him dearly, admired his strength, relished his stories, and considered him family. Ken's family would also like to extend a special thank you to caregivers Vivienne A and Elizabeth A who helped make home possible.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ken's memory to his charities, East Catholic High School Development Fund, 115 New State Road, Manchester, CT, 06040, or Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St, Manchester, has charge of the arrangements. A service honoring his life will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation prior from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., followed by burial with military honors at St. James Cemetery, 368 Broad St, Manchester, CT. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Stefanik, Jr., Fred

Fred Stefanik, Jr., 66 of Killingworth entered eternal life on March 23, 2022. He was born Jan. 20, 1956 the son of the late Fred Stefanik, Sr. and Marjorie (Chapman) Stefanik. He was currently employed, for the Greaves Corporation in Essex. The Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave. New London, has been entrusted with his care.

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Hindman, James Robert



James Robert Hindman, 93, formerly of Canton, CT passed away peacefully on March 27, 2022 at the Comfort Hospice Care Unit at Glenridge in Augusta, Maine, with family by his side.

Jim was born in Hornick, Iowa on August 14, 1928, the son of James Willis and Ida (Frederickson) Hindman. He grew up in Bellevue, Nebraska, the oldest of eight siblings, and graduated from Bellevue High School, class of 1945. Jim worked for several years after high school before deciding to enlist in the Army in 1950. It was during this time that he fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Nina Belle Daniels, and the two were married on October 7, 1950. Jim served honorably for four years, during the Korean War, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant before being discharged. After the military, Jim and Nina settled down in Omaha, Nebraska to begin their life together and start a family. Jim went to work for Swift & Co. in Omaha, a meat processing and packaging company. He rose through the managerial ranks in Omaha. Now the father of three small children, he was offered a better opportunity moving East, and transferred to the Somerville, MA facility. After two years in the greater Boston area, Jim and Nina sought a more rural setting to continue raising their family and relocated to Augusta, Maine where Jim went to work for the Jos. Kirschner Company. Over the next fourteen years, he and Nina worked and raised their children and enjoyed all that living in Maine had to offer. In 1985, his career would take one more turn, relocating him and Nina to Canton, Connecticut where he worked until he retired. In 1954, Jim began his affiliation with the Brotherhood of Freemasons. While living in Nebraska, he was also a member of the KORA Shrine Temple. After moving to Connecticut, He continued this lifelong affiliation, rising to the rank of Master of the Valley Lodge in Canton, CT. In 2006, he was recognized for his 50 years as a Master Mason. Jim was a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite and a member of the American Legion. Jim loved cars and was an avid motorsports fan. Porsches were a particular favorite of his and he rarely missed an opportunity to attend a car show, rally, or watch a race - either in person or on TV. Living in CT, he attended many races over the years at Lime Rock Park, the highlight of which was meeting and watching Paul Newman race at many weekend events. Being from Nebraska means loving college football and Jim was a lifelong Husker fan, watching games at every opportunity. Living in CT for so long he also became a big fan of UConn basketball and closely followed the women's team in his retirement. Jim was predeceased by his father and mother, James W. and Ida Hindman, sister Joyce Vojtech and brother Dwight "Buzz" Hindman. Jim is survived by his loving family including his wife of 71 years, Nina B. Hindman, daughters Kimberly (Gary Mills) of Augusta and Terry (Shawn Babine) of Scarborough, and son Christopher (Kathleen) of West Hartford, CT, grandchildren Matthew Mills (Heather), Andrew Mills (Lyndsi), and Olivia Babine, as well as several great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his twin sisters Jean Stewart and Jeanette (Hal) Capps, brothers Ron, Richard (Shirley) and Gary (Barbara) Hindman and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Maine General Hospital, Terrace West, and the nursing staff at Comfort Hospice Care Unit at Glenridge for their care and kindness to Jim and his family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (shrinershospitals-forchildren.org) or World Central Kitchen (WCK.org) in support of Chefs of Ukraine.

A private service for family will be held at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery in Augusta later in the Spring.

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Layne , Errol Alexander



Errol Alexander Layne, 79, of Bloomfield, CT, transitioned peacefully on March 22, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Errol was born in Barbados, on July 27, 1942, son of the late Wilfred and Margaret (Clarke) Layne. Errol leaves to cherish his memory, seven children, Avery, Patrick, and Gregory, of the United States, Georgia, Carolyn and Orlando of Jamaica, and Pauline of Canada; eight siblings, Grace, Ann, Mary, Sammy and Horace, of Barbados, Carlton and Seibert of The United States, and Maria of Canada. In addition to his parents, Errol was preceded in death by two daughters; Jacqueline, and Althea, and six siblings, Winston, Arthur, Eudene, Edwin, Lorna and David. Funeral services will be held at 4:30pm, Friday April 8, 2022, at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 3pm-4:30pm. For the complete obituary and online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com



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DiMarco, Angelo J.



Angelo J. DiMarco age 83 of Glastonbury, husband of Lucille (Vezina) DiMarco for 60 years entered into eternal rest tragically and unexpectedly on March 31st 2022 with family by his side.

Angelo was born July 21st, 1938 in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Sabatino DiMarco and Nicoletta Onoratti.

Angelo attended local schools and Buckley High School in Hartford where earned his letters in football. He went on to attend Villanova University, graduating with a degree in Economics. Angelo then joined the Army National Guard and at that time he met the love of his life Lucille.

In 1962, Angelo and Lucille married and soon started a family. Angelo was employed at John Hancock Insurance and among the youngest members of the Million Dollar Roundtable, before his entrepreneurial spirit led him to the restaurant business with his father.

Angelo was the proud owner and operator of Lums in Rocky Hill and Old Saybrook, the Real McCoy in Glastonbury and West Hartford and Angelo's Place for Steak in West Hartford.

After a year in Florida, Angelo returned to his home and started Ambassador Limousine with his family. He and his family grew the business from one car to a Multi fleet Limousine and bus company in the Greater Hartford area and thru out New England, a leader in the industry. Angelo also was instrumental in opening and growing Ambassador Wheelchair and later successfully sold the business.

He was a parishioner of the Church of St. Augustine in Hartford and also attended St. Paul Church in Glastonbury, and was active on the board of Directors at the Meadow Hill Community where he and Lucille lived.

He was a devoted husband and father who cherished time spent with his family and close friends. A man with a great sense of humor, Angelo had a gentle soul but always spoke his mind. He enjoyed many adventures with his beloved Lucille traveling the world, enjoying skiing, golfing and trying new cuisine. Angelo will be most remembered for his love for life, his absolute devotion to his wife Lucille, and his steadfast dedication to his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Lucille he is survived and will be dearly missed by sons Jeffrey M. DiMarco, Stephen DiMarco and daughter Melissa DiMarco as well as grandchildren Jeffrey DiMarco, Angelo DiMarco, Gabrielle DiMarco, Dina DiMarco, Dominic DiMarco, Michele Day, Sarah Beth Day and JT Day, as well as many special nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters in law and extended family in Italy. Angelo has gone to Heaven to be with his cherished daughter Michele DiMarco, brother Tom DiMarco and their parents Sabatino and Nicoletta DiMarco.

Angelo's family would like to express their deep gratitude to the Baptist Medical Center of Jacksonville Florida Neuro ICU staff for their wonderful care of Angelo and compassion for Lucille and the family during Angelo's final days. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Angelo's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday April 7, 2022 at 4 PM at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish St. Paul Church 2577 Main St, Glastonbury, CT 06033 with the Rev. Jeffrey V. Romans officiating. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home 411 South Main St. is in charge of arrangements for online condolences please visit www.ericksonhansen.com

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Williams, Lisa M



Lisa Williams 56 from Winsted CT passed away on March 27th. Lisa was born in Springfield Mass and Raised in Willington Ct. Lisa is predeceased by her mother Jeanette Williams, her Father Jean A Williams Sr and her brother Jeffery Williams. Lisa leaves behind her Brother Jean A Williams Jr and his wife Debbie, brother Chris Williams, sister Victoria Williams.

Lisa left behind her best friend Shannon Crowley. Lisa's. Family would like to thank Shannon for always being there for her. We would also like to thank Dennis Halnon for also being there for Lisa. Lisa was a person with a huge heart,her greatest love was her kitties. Love being whimming ,and loved being outside watching the birds and squirrels. She also enjoyed her Parkinson's group. Lisa will be missed by all who loved her.

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McLellan, Robert Randall



Madison — Robert Randall McLellan, 88, died peacefully at home with his family Monday, March 21, 2022, in Madison. Robert was born June 30, 1933, in Providence, R.I., to Mildred (née Talbot) and Paul McLellan. Following High School, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, assembling torpedoes aboard CV-43, the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea. Returning to school after his naval stint, Bob graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. On April 9, 1955, he married his beloved high school sweetheart, Marjorie (née Downes) McLellan. Robert and Marjorie raised four children, Mary, Carole, Randall and Helen. Robert and Marjorie moved their family from Somerset, Mass. to Madison in 1969. Robert enjoyed a forty-three year career with The Travelers Insurance Company before retiring in 1998. He enjoyed his job and the people he worked with so much that the family worried a little...but he never looked back filling twenty-four retirement years with Marjorie sailing, playing Tennis and Bridge, and feeding the ducks every morning at Duck Island Yacht Club (DIYC). Robert was an active man. He coached Little League, (long before and long after his son played) and was a volunteer at the North Madison Fire Department. He took up sailing in 1974 and was a long-time member of the Duck Island Yacht Club (DIYC) in Westbrook, serving a term as Commodore. He was a skilled and highly competitive sailor owning a number of sailboats over the years starting with a Sunfish named “Ichiban”. Initially ‘bought for the kids’, one fateful day at the Madison Surf Club, someone sailed past Bob and the world changed for Clan McLellan. Bob judged a Sunfish too small for a large man to compete and so began a series of boats initially named after his girls: Cal 25 “Huggie Bear” (Marjorie), Niagara 31 “Merrimac” (Mary), a Ranger 28 “Carol”(Carole), a Ranger 26 “Merry Helen” (Helen), and then after U.S. Navy ships which included his much beloved O-Day 34-M “Hornet”, J/29 “Wasp”, and an Evelyn 26 “Pilar” (named after Ernest Hemingway’s fishing boat). A regular competitor in the world-renowned Off Soundings series, he frequently earned his place on their Nor’easter Trophy list and many others including the Outer Light, Commodore Fred Winslow, Fagan Memorial, Thundermug, Ballou Memorial and the Dr. Merrill C. Hills Award given to the DIYC member who the Board of Governors believes has made the most significant contribution to the sport of sailing. Off Soundings tries to keep the regatta challenging by assigning a time penalty to the boats that win frequently. He was particularly proud of being the second person in the history of the Off Soundings club to receive the highest cumulative penalty assessed to a boat. He competed across Long Island Sound with his dedicated crew, most having raced with him for decades, in Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) and DIYC regattas starting each season with the DIYC Spring Regatta, DIYC Wednesday Night Series (an event he launched), Off Soundings Spring Series, Essex Rum Challenge, North Cove Outer Light Classic, Fishers Island Round Island Race, Ram Island Invitational, DIYC Overnight, Off Soundings Fall Series, DIYC Fagan Series, and finishing with the always unpredictable weather of the DIYC Thundermug. He will be dearly missed by his long-time crew, Marjorie, Nick, Charles, Joan, Bill, Lee, Shari, Frank, John and Craig. His most steadfast crew member was his wife, Marjorie, who packed and repacked spinnakers for so many years, as well as being the lead time checker. All wish him fair winds and following seas. Robert was an avid Tennis and Racquetball player, and in more recent years discovered Pickle Ball to which he applied his usual competitive spirit. He also was a serious and competitive bridge player participating with several groups on the shoreline for more than a decade and, during the COVID shutdown, joined several on-line bridge groups. Robert is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, Marjorie; and their four children, Mary McKenna (McLellan) and her husband James McKenna, Carole McLellan, Randall McLellan and his wife Amy McLellan, and Helen McLellan; six grandchildren, Shannon Doherty and her husband Adam Mellion, Shane McLellan and his wife Blake McLellan, Zachary Waterfall, Noah Waterfall, Maggie McLellan and Grace McLellan. He is also survived by his brother Col. Paul McLellan USAF (Ret.), his wife Beverly, and their two children, Jan Thornton and Mark McLellan. Robert will be remembered for his wit, his humor, his intelligence, his determination and competitive spirit. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Robert’s memory to the American Civil Liberties Union, St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Ducks Unlimited, or the National Kidney Foundation Local Chapter in Hamden, CT. Private services will be held at Deep River Congregational Church, Deep River. A Celebration of Life is planned for 1 p.m. April 29, at Saybrook Point Pavilion, Old Saybrook. Arrangements in care of the Guilford Funeral Home, 115 Church St, Guilford.

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Rogers, John P.



John P. Rogers, 83, of Weatogue, beloved husband of 48 years to Gail (Fuller) Rogers, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at his home. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 11:00am in the Avon Congregational Church, Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, CT 06001. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneral-home.com.

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Powers, John



John W. Powers, 82, a resident of Somers, CT, formerly of Springfield, MA died on December 31, 2021 at his residence in Somers, CT. He leaves his wife Julia A. (Cameron) Powers and his daughters, Kathleen Powers and Shannon Manning. Relatives and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life Mass on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Holy Name Church, 323 Dickinson Street, in Springfield. A private burial was held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in January. Arrangements are by the Byron Keenan Funeral Home of Springfield.

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Krieger, Michael A.



Michael Alan Krieger of Colchester passed away on March 31, 2022, just days shy of his 71st birthday, after dealing with Parkinson’s disease for over 14 years. Born in Norwich, CT on April 4, 1951, he was the son of Selma and Julian Krieger. He worked at his father’s station, Krieger Motor Sales, and was pumping gas at age 6 years old. He graduated from Norwich Free Academy where he played trumpet in the marching band and then went to University of Connecticut where he met his wife, Claire (Haggis). Their first date was to a Boston Red Sox game, which foreshadowed a lifelong obsession with all things BoSox. He earned a master’s degree at University of Hartford and then began a career of public service as a social worker with the Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Children and Families where he made lifelong friends and spent many coffee breaks at the Liberty Tree. Prior to moving to Colchester, he was a resident of Gales Ferry for almost 40 years where he and Claire raised two daughters, Alicia Whitney Krieger Grimes of Somerville, MA and Leah Charlene Krieger of Glastonbury, CT. As a father of two girls, he tried to craft ponytails and braids, sat through countless dance recitals, and made many trips to TJMaxx. He coached the Lady Bugs and Robins softball teams. Michael was an enthusiastic sports fan and, besides the Red Sox, he followed UConn Huskies football and women’s basketball. A former New York Giants fan, he changed allegiance to the New England Patriots when daughter Leah joined their dance team. He collected stamps and coins, enjoyed old clocks especially those with chimes, and was an avid silverplate polisher, which strengthened his fingers. Many vacations were spent at Cape Cod. He loved cruises, especially the buffets, and his favorite destination was Bermuda. He owned a 55 Buick Roadmaster which was a lifelong project he was “going to get to.” And let’s not forget he was a longtime follower of The Young and the Restless. Besides his wife and daughters, Michael also leaves his sister Karen Krieger Shlossman and brother-in-law Marc Shlossman of Tempe, AZ, brother-in-law William (Ted) Haggis, sons-in-law James Grimes and Gary Mack, beloved grandson Charlie Arlo Grimes, cousins and nieces and nephews. Burial will be private. Family and friends are welcome to visit the family at their home on Saturday, April 9 between 1:00 – 5:00. Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

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McGuire, Timothy D.



Timothy D. McGuire, 50, passed away unexpectedly on December 22, 2021. Born on March 10, 1971 in Harford Connecticut, he was the beloved son of Dennis and Ellen (Romak) McGuire of Hebron, CT. In addition to his parents, Tim is survived by and will be dearly missed by his brother; Daniel McGuire of Philadelphia, PA., grandparents; Leonard and Anne-Marie Kogos of Greenfield MA., aunts; Donna Armstrong and her husband David of Manchester, Lucinda LaCroix of Lebanon, uncles; Edward McGuire and wife Corrine of Bolton, Joseph Romak and wife Penny of Newtown, great aunts; Anita Erickson of Florida and Barbara Macdonald and husband Alex of Manchester. Predeceased by his loving grandparents; Leo Romak and wife Bernice (Suskie) of East Hartford, grandfather; Raymond Lacroix of Hampton and great aunt; Eleanor Suskie of East Hartford. Tim also leaves behind many loving friends, cousins and their families. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and loved riding his Harley, dirt bikes and jet skis. He ran his own roofing, snow plowing and snow removal business. He will be remembered for his big heart and willingness to help his family and friends. Tim helped to care for his Grandma Bernice for the last six years of her life. He will be missed by all who knew him. Calling hours for Timothy will be held Friday, April 8, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A Mass of Christian burial will occur Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Saint Rose Church, 33 Church St, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A private committal service for the family will follow. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the McGuire family. Memorial Donations in Tim’s name may be made to: Tunnels to Towers Foundation at www.T2T.org

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Piano, Daniel Anthony



Daniel Anthony Piano, 83, of West Simsbury, CT passed away on March 31, 2022 with his loving family at his side. Daniel was born the youngest of seven children in West New York, New Jersey on September 28,1938. From a young age he exhibited curiosity, integrity, and determination in everything that he believed was important. These traits afforded him many successes in his life. He was known for his million dollar smile and an infectious laugh that could fill your heart. Dan was an accomplished pianist, orator and student. He attended New York University and earned a Masters Degree in Physical Education and was a true student of life. In Surf City, New Jersey, in the summer of 1961, Dan met the love of his life and attracted her attention with a whistle and a confident “Hello!” After five years of courting and 48,000 miles driving to visit Pat, they were married in the summer of ‘66. Dan and Pat were blessed with five children and they are all unique in their gifts. Their successes can be attributed to the dedication he and Pat gave to family life. His family brought him great pride and he would consider his wife and children to be his greatest accomplishment. His family was his masterpiece. He was a man who was content. Dan enjoyed a successful career in medical sales. He had tenacity and fought for all that he believed in, most importantly his family. He openly shared his values of love, faith, hard work and integrity. His love for family was unwavering and gave him pride and motivation to be the best person he could be every day of his life. He leaves behind his wife Patricia of 55 years, daughter Pamela, (William) Bliss of Castile NY, Julia (Adam) Warren of North Granby, CT, Christiane Piano of Como, Italy. Ryan (Susanne) Piano of Aldie, VA and Daniel Piano (Sarah) of Oak Creek, Colorado and 13 grandchildren: Emily, Bradley, Jane, Nicholas, Christian, Alessandro, Filippo, Anna, Paxton, Maddox, Levi, Lark and Giovanni. The funeral liturgy to celebrate Daniel’s life will take place at The Church of St Timothy, West Hartford, CT at 11 am on April 23rd, 2022. Please visit Daniel’s Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Shea, Michael D.



Michael Dennis Shea, 68, of East Hartford took passage aboard the outbound ship of souls destined for the Isle of the Blest, with a fair wind at his back, on Monday, March 28, 2022. He is now and will be forever holding forth before the peat filled hearth in the welcome embrace of his ancestors, on the far side of the veil, where all misfortune is banished. Mike was predeceased by his Irish born paternal grandparents Denis and Margaret Hourihan Shea of East Hartford, his maternal grandparents Michael and Margaret Heffernan Powers of Hartford, his loving parents Timothy Francis Shea and wife Ellen Powers Shea of East Hartford and his beloved nephew Michael Gary Shea of Vernon. Mike leaves to mourn his passing, his brother James Francis Shea and wife Brenda Brissette Shea of Wethersfield, his brother Gary Michael Shea of Vernon, his beloved nephew Timothy Davis Shea and wife Erin Larkum Shea of West Hartford, his grandniece Emerson Shea and grandnephew Camden Siegel of West Hartford and their two rescue dogs Raven and Roxie who never failed to nearly knock him over in their rapture to greet him. Mike was born April 9, 1953, a lifelong resident of East Hartford, born, raised, educated and molded on the sand lots, woods and playing fields in the south end where every neighborhood door was unlocked and every family mutt ran unlicensed and unleashed til nightfall. Mike was a 1971 graduate of George J. Penney High School and labored for several decades on the grave yard shift at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He was a shy, humble, gentle, thoughtful and solitary man. He embodied the soul of the great and ancient Irish wolfhound – gentle when stroked – fierce when provoked. He bravely waged a great battle with the glory and ruin of a dark mystical melancholy. Mike was an avid reader, philosopher, engaging conversationalist, silver coin collector, and self-taught investment savant. He was quick to confront the arrogant, the posturing, and the pompous who crossed his path. Mike not only acknowledged the down trodden ones but befriended them as well. A stubborn faith filled Catholic to the end. He generously loved those he loved and he taught us by example that the greatest victories in the present life tainted by luck and public acclaim are but shadows and the final victory of a life is the survival of a thousand defeats and unforeseen tragedies. We, who loved you Mike, bid you fond ‘Slan Abhaile’ – Safe Home and may Saint Patrick Himself, fly away with the roof of the house where you are unwelcome in heaven. Funeral service will be Thursday (April 7, 2022) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Peace Church of St. Edmund Campion Parish, 370 May Road, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Valley Falls Cemetery in Vernon. (Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Thursday morning). Relatives and friends may call at the D’Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford on Wednesday (April 6, 2022) from 4 -7 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Michael’s name may be made to a favorite charity of the donor’s choice. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family. Please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Stevenson, Jr., Samuel W.



On March 28, 2022, Samuel Whitefield Stevenson, Jr of Richmond, VA and South Yarmouth, MA, went to be with his beloved and loving family: his late wife Helen Holbrook Stevenson (1935 – 2008) and son Philip Carlyle Stevenson (1961 – 1984). As he had wished, his death was peaceful and he was surrounded by love, which endures. Born on May 5, 1936, in Richmond Virginia to Samuel Whitefield Stevenson and Alice Ruth MacDonald Stevenson, and raised there, he attended St. Christopher’s School and Princeton University, where he taught Italian for a year after graduation. In 1960, he was appointed to the faculty of the now Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor CT, where he initially taught French. In 1962, he switched to teaching English and continued that until his retirement in 2006. In addition to teaching, Stevie served as a dorm head for decades, and coached several sports, including track, football, soccer, and basketball, especially enjoying his years coaching girls’ JV basketball. After retiring, he divided his time between a long-time home in South Yarmouth, MA, where he could indulge his love of kayaking and fishing, and a new home in his hometown Richmond, where he was delighted to be near his family. His love of reading and opera continued no matter where he was, and it was impossible to find him without multiple books in progress. He is deeply mourned by his dear family: sister Ruth Stevenson; nephews William Hendricks and his wife Amanda Wadsworth, and Andrew Nicol and his partner Leonard Gobin; nieces Genevieve Hendricks, Sarah Hendricks and her husband Kevin Badgett; and Heather Nicol and her husband Michael Morse; his great nieces and nephew Eleanor and Adeline Badgett, Cecilia Hendricks, and Kathryn and Andrew Morse; and several cousins, including Robert and Ross Leckie, Annie Hall, Bette Ann Trask, Barbara Norton, and Anne McCabe. A true gentleman and gentle man – but with a wicked sense of humor and love of a good story - Stevie was a wonderful friend, mentor, and teacher, and is also deeply mourned by several long-time loving and beloved friends, especially Ted Medrek and Patricia Novak, as well as countless students, whose lives he enriched and who remembered him fondly. He was so happy to meet former students and hear their updates. He loved all his students, perhaps especially those he saw struggling and whom he could help. While ostensibly teaching English, his real goal was to teach his students to think, and he was delighted when they figured that out. His love for his family and friends was boundless, and he maintained that the most important things in life were to be loved and - perhaps even more importantly - to have people to love; additionally, that love was never divided, but expanded infinitely. His passing leaves a hole in many hearts. Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 1 PM in the Chapel at Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor CT. He will be buried privately in Palisado Cemetery in Windsor, reunited with his beloved wife and son, whom he missed for so many years. Contributions in his memory may be made payable to The Loomis Chaffee School, Alumni/Development, 4 Batchelder Rd, Windsor, CT, 06095, please note in the memo field Steve Stevenson. The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. For condolences or directions, please visit carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Dagenhart, Janet U.



Janet U. Dagenhart, 92, currently of Old Saybrook previously longtime resident of Windsor, CT passed away peacefully at her son's residence in Old Saybrook, CT on September 4, 2021. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:30-10:30 AM followed by a memorial service at 10:30 AM at First Church in Windsor, 107 Palisado Ave., Windsor, CT In lieu of flowers or food, please feel free to donate to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, L.L.C., 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002 Please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com for a more expanded obituary and remembrance details.



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Kalvinek, Robert J.



Robert J. Kalvinek, 82, of Southington, beloved husband of Carol (Smith) Kalvinek, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Robert was born in Whitensville, MA on October 3, 1939 and was the son of the late Henry and Anna (Chupka) Kalvinek. Bob proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge from the military, he continued to serve the community as a member of the Hartford Police Department where he retired in 1989 at the rank of sargent. He then was later employed for the Connecticut Resource Recovery Agency as an investigator. Whether you knew him as "Bob", "Grumpy", "Kal", or "Bobbo", Robert was a pillar of his community. For over 30 years, "Bobbo" was the manager of the American Legion Baseball Team, winning many titles, the last being in 2018. For his contributions to the team, he was elected to the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 2021. He was also a proud member of the American Legion Kiltonic Post #72. In his spare time, Robert loved to be outdoors where you could find him fishing at his favorite pond or lake, hunting in the woods, or shooting at the range with his family, or chasing that hole in one at his favorite golf course. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and the UCONN men's and women's basketball teams. But it was the time with his family that he cherished the most. He was a family man till the end. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were sunshine in his life. He absolutely loved to be around them, especially at Christmas time where he loved to watch them "rip" into their gifts. Besides his wife of 57 years, Robert is survived by his son William Kalvinek and his wife Lynn of Southington, and by his daughter Betsy McGarvey and her husband Paul of South Mills, NC. Robert also leaves his five cherished grandchildren; Jordyn Tomlin and her husband Blake of Norfolk, VA, Kasey Erzen and her husband Nick of Mechanicsville, MD, Devon McGarvey and her fiancée Chris Freed of Raleigh, NC, Kimberly Lebel of Wolcott, CT, and Thomas Lebel also of Wolcott, CT, and by five great grandchildren; Kaylee, Natalie, Natalie, Cole and Lochlan. He is also survived by his furry companions Snowy, Dagwood and Squeaky. Robert was predeceased by his siblings; Andrew, John, George, Irene, Mary and Ann. A Mass of Christian Burial for Robert will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic's Church, 1050 Flanders Rd. Southington, CT 06489. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00PM at the DellaVecchia funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington, CT 06489 with military honors being accorded to him at 6:45 PM by the United States Air Force. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the American Legion Kiltonic Post #72, 64 Main St. Southington, CT 06489 or to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd. Newington, CT 06111. For directions or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

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Williams , Patricia Ann



Patricia Ann Williams, 75, of Windsor Locks, transitioned peacefully on Saturday March 26, 2022. Patricia was born February 8, 1947, in Beverly, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Phillip and Dorothy (Bartley) Bellino. Patricia graduated from Beverly High School, class of 1965. Patricia would continue her educational journey, and earned her nursing degree from Lowell Nursing School, class of 1967. She worked for many years as a nurse, most recently as a staff nurse in the endoscopy unit at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Hartford. Patricia was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was family centered and truly enjoyed each opportunity she had to make lasting memories with those she loved. Some of her happiest moments included spending the Labor Day holiday at her sister's, Thanksgiving at her brother's and Christmas Eve at her mother's. Patricia very much enjoyed spending time at her parent's cottage at Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. While at the cottage she would canoe, camp, and relax by the lake shore reading some of her favorite books. Whenever possible she also loved dining out with her close friends. Even though some of her activities were limited due to her having multiple sclerosis, she never allowed it to stop or slow her down much. Patricia was an avid reader and had a passion for helping others. She volunteered, and then worked part-time, for many years at the Windsor Public Library, the Windsor Locks Public Library, and the local hospice. In her free time, she could be found caring for her cat Echo and tending to her many houseplants. She also loved listening to music. Some of her favorites were The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, and Judy Collins. The passing of Patricia will leave a permanent ache in the heart of those who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Christian Williams and his wife Nahla of Ohio, and Andrew Williams and his wife Kiersten of Colorado; one daughter, Amanda Williams and her husband Michael Coladonato of North Carolina; three grandsons, Grayson Williams of North Carolina, Julian Coladonato of North Carolina, and Iskandar Williams of Ohio; four granddaughters, Samia Williams of Ohio, Rania Williams of Ohio, Melisse Williams of Colorado, and Serena Coladonato of North Carolina; and two brothers, Guy Bellino of New Hampshire, and Phillip Bellino of Massachusetts. In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by her sister Sandra Holmes. A memorial service will be held by the family for Patricia in the afternoon of Saturday, May 28, 2022. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to Patricia's favorite charity, the Connecticut Foodshare. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Heintz, Clifford Peter



Clifford Peter Heintz, 73, of Simsbury, CT passed away after complications from heart surgery on March 25, 2022 with his adoring family by his side. Peter was a loving husband, father, brother and friend who cherished God, his family, friends and country. Peter grew up in Farmington, CT and proudly served in the US Army in Vietnam. Peter returned to the Farmington Valley and worked as the general manager at Adkins Printing for over 30 years. It was here that he and his wife, Yolande, raised their two beautiful children. Peter spent the last year and a half of his life in Pinellas Park, FL incredibly happy soaking up the sun with a beer in his hand. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Yolande, his children Christopher and Carly, his sister Jerilyn (George) Briggs, brother Michael (Kristina) Heintz, and sister-in law Dawn Heintz. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Patricia Engle, and brother Fred Heintz. He also leaves many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and countless friends. The funeral will be held on April 20, 2022 at 11:00 am at Valley Community Baptist Church; 590 West Avon Rd, Avon, CT 06001. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Wounded Warrior Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

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Labedzki, Zosia Kolodziej



Zosia Labedzki, 92, of Hartford, beloved wife for 65 years of the late Jozef F. Labedzki, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 31, 2022, surrounded by her family at her home. Born in Berdechow, Poland on May 15, 1929, daughter of the late Piotr and Zofia (Skazypek) Kolodziej, she was raised in Poland and immigrated to the United States with her family and settled in Hartford in 1960. Zosia worked at Jacobs Manufacturing in Bloomfield for 25 years until her retirement in 1995. Proud of her Polish heritage, Zosia was a member of the Polish Women's Alliance and she was a parishioner of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Hartford where she also served as a member of the Holy Rosary Society. In her spare time, Zosia enjoyed tending to the many flower and vegetable gardens around her home. Her green thumb was recognized by the City of Hartford and she received a beautification award for her flower gardens. She leaves a daughter, Teresa G. Blaschke and her husband Kenneth of Southington; a son, Joseph Labedzki and his wife Kasia of Southington; a daughter-in-law, Diane Labedzki of Windsor; three grandchildren, Erik-Jon Blaschke of Southington, Amanda Gibson and her husband Jon-Richard of Groveland, MA, Brenden M. Blaschke of Lexington, SC; and five great-grandchildren, Misha M. Blaschke, Myla M. Blaschke, and Matthias M. Blaschke all of Southington, and Grace Zosia Gibson and Georgia Everly Gibson both of Groveland, MA. Besides her loving husband, she was predeceased by two sons, Theodore Labedzki and Henry Labedzki; a daughter, Danusia Labedzki; two brothers, Paul and Walter Kolodziej; and four sisters, Bernice Olander, Elenora Szmidt, Helena Czerniecka, Elzbieta Sobanska. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, April 7, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford. Family and friends may gather on Friday, April 8, 10 a.m., at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 11 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 55 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT 06106 or to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. For online condolences please visit, www.southgreenmemorialhome.com.



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Valentine, Mary (Stevenson)



Mary Valentine, 95 years of age, of Glastonbury passed away at home on March 29, 2022. She was born in Ottawa, Canada, the only child of the late William Robert and Flora Kelly Stevenson. The family moved to the United States when Mary was an infant and she always spoke with such affection for both her life in Wethersfield and her yearly family trips back to Canada to visit with relatives. Upon completion of her education in the Wethersfield public school system, she attended Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, graduating with a B.S. in teaching. She was a physical education teacher in the Wethersfield and Hartford school systems and a longtime substitute teacher in the Glastonbury public schools. Mary was a longstanding member of the Congregational Church of South Glastonbury. Over her many years there, she served on several committees and greatly enjoyed the Women's Fellowship bridge group. She volunteered at the Second Chance shop in Glastonbury, which supported the Village for Families and Children. Mary's many interests included tennis, bridge, garden club, and traveling with her husband. She also had a genuine love for animals, particularly dogs, and treated them with special treats and attention. However, she was happiest spending time with her family, especially at their cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. When she was there, she would awaken early in the morning, spoil any dog who was in the cottage, and then prepare her special muffins for all to eat. She had a beautiful smile and loved to laugh. She also enjoyed telling a good story, whether it was about her days visiting family in Canada or her adventures on overseas trips with her beloved husband. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Robert C. Valentine and is survived by her children Anne D'Angelo (Gene), Bill Valentine, Jim Valentine (Heidi), Wendy Howard (Rick), and by her grandchildren David D'Angelo (Brit), Katie Manter (Ben), Emily Valentine, Steven Howard (Molly), Nate Howard, Jill Howard, and four great grandchildren. Mary's family would like to especially thank her wonderful caregivers for the help and kindness that they provided her with over the past 3 1/2 years. A private service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd, Newington, Ct 06111 (humansociety.org). For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Asberry, Mary



Mary Asberry, 78, of Hartford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 29, 2022, surrounded by her family. Born in Andersonville, Georgia on October 29, 1943. Daughter of the late Laymon Asberry and Zola Asberry (Wiggins), she lived in Hartford for over 67 years. Mary retired from the Oak Hill School as an Assistant Teacher after 34 years of dedicated service. She was highly respected by both residents and staff. A loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and dear friend. Affectionately known as Lois to family, she will be remembered most for her unconditional love for her sons and family, laid-back personality, and willingness to give advice and help to anyone in need. She enjoyed spending time with her sons, going to casinos, playing gaming apps, keeping up with current events, watching the Sci Fi Channel, action movies and horror movies. Mary was predeceased by her parents and sister; Salathia. She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted sons; Brian Asberry, Edward Asberry and his wife Rita, two grandsons, two great grand daughters, four brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 10:00 am with the funeral to follow at 11:00 am at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. To leave condolences visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Esselink, Benard P.



It is with great sadness that we share the news that our beloved Bernard Philip Esselink, of Westport, CT passed away on Saturday, February 5 at the age of 81. Ben, as he was known by his friends, was a loving and generous husband, father, and grandfather who was shaped by a life spent all over the globe. Ben was exceptional in connecting with and making others feel valued, whether family, friends, or complete strangers, no matter how different from himself. His balance of humor, authenticity, and willingness to serve others was an incredible gift to all of us who loved him. He was born to Dutch parents, Hendrik and Catharina Esselink, in Indonesia. Educated there, he later earned his degree in Chemical Engineering from Delft University in the Netherlands. After graduation he worked for the United Nations in Thailand before moving to Singapore and a career with Colgate Palmolive. He would spend the remainder of his career with them, working in Australia, California, South Carolina, and New York. Ben was known for his love of sailing and was an active member of the Connecticut Orchid Society. He was also a man of faith, committed to his Church and regularly involved in his local Gideons chapter. He was never satisfied to merely be present, but engaged in his passions with enthusiasm and loyalty to those who were there along side him. Ben was predeceased by his wife Helena Tjeenk Willink, daughter Karien, and brother Bert, and is survived by his sons Rik and Frank, grandchildren Saskia, Philip, Marik, Bjorn, Claudia, and Andreas, and other family members including nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his wife Jean McGilvray Watson, who he counted himself blessed to have met and married later in life. Family was especially important to Ben, and his dedication and love for all of them was evident throughout his life. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Bernard will be held at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT, April 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 174, Westport, CT 06880. The Connecticut Orchid Society, P.O. Box 198, Farmington, CT 06034-0198 or The South Church Memorial Fund - South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Condolences for the family may be left online at <http://www.hardingfuneral.com>.

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Gobar, Francis W.



Francis William Gobar was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather during his incredible 93 years of life. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, surrounded by those who loved him. A graduate of New Britain High School, Fran spent most of his life in central Connecticut. He proudly served in the US Army's 43rd Infantry Division as a Sergeant First Class from 1950 - 1952. During this time, he served as a drill sergeant, training troops for the Korean War at Camp Pickett in Blackstone, Virginia and was deployed to West Germany. Once back home in Connecticut, he began working at Transamerica Trucking. From there, he became a sales engineer, working with Walker Crane and Rigging Company and finished his career with North East Riggers. His most honored accomplishment, however, is the beautiful family that he and his late wife Mary built together. Their love story, which spanned over 73 years, began after a chance meeting at a roller-skating rink and included an innumerable number of special memories and shared experiences. Fran's warm, good-natured personality was palpable and could be felt whenever you were with him. Whether he was on the golf course, working on a household project, creating something with his table saw or in the kitchen making his famous soups and sandwiches for family, his happy-go-lucky demeanor brought joy and comfort to those who were close to him. Fran was predeceased by his wife Mary and leaves behind his daughter Debbie Branigan, son John Gobar and his wife Karen, grandson John Branigan IV and his wife Sarah, granddaughter Nicole Colon and her husband Mark, and great-grand children Aria, Austin, Emerlee and Rocko. He also leaves behind his sister Alice Malley and a large extended family. Fran was predeceased by his brother Robert Gobar and sister Rosalie Tracy. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2022, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM at St. Paul's Church 485 Alling St. Kensington. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to help with the crisis in Ukraine by donating through the redcross.org/abc.



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Colgate, Nancy Mary



Nancy Mary Colgate, 71, of East Hartford, CT ended her life's journey and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at home in the loving arms of her husband, Bruce and son Douglas after a brief battle with cancer. Nancy was born October 9, 1950, in Washburn ME to her late parents, Wallace and Mable Berube. She attended East Hartford High School and graduated in 1968 and studied at Asnuntuck Community College. She was employed by Stanadyne Corp. and the United States Postal Service. Nancy was an avid gardener and loved working in her yard planting and harvesting beautiful flowers. She will be remembered as a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her husband of thirty-eight years, Bruce D. Colgate, her sons Douglas W. and his wife Valerie, Michael R. Scheer, and her greatest loves, her five grandchildren, Chloe, Joy, Ben, Suzette and Chase and special friends Ruth and Heinz Saur and their family. At Nancy's request there will be no calling hours and the burial will be at Granby Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Constellation Hospice of Rocky Hill CT who provided kindness and comfort for Nancy during her last days and weeks. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com.



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Monaco, Ralph W.

The Monaco Family mourns the passing of Ralph William Monaco, a loving and passionate man who died peacefully at home in Simsbury, Connecticut, on Saturday March 5, 2022, after a years-long battle with cancer. Ralph was born in Astoria, New York on April 24th, 1951, to Frank and Louise Monaco. He attended Catholic grade schools in Flushing, Queens, alongside his siblings and was a proud graduate of Holy Cross High School, Queens College class of 1974, and graduate candidate at Baruch College in New York City. Ralph and his former spouse, Carmen, raised their two children, Michael and Christine, in North Carolina and Massachusetts, prior to moving to Simsbury. A man of quick wit and spirit, his interests included singing, home improvement, high school athletics and making everyone in the room laugh. During his residency in Simsbury, he was an avid fan of the Simsbury High School football and hockey teams. He will be remembered for his remarkable personality, outstanding sense of humor and unwavering loyalty to his family. Ralph is survived by his former spouse Carmen Monaco, children Michael and Christine Monaco, siblings, Frank Monaco and June Benigno and nephew, Jeffrey Benigno. A memorial mass in his honor will be held at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church in Simsbury at 5:00 P.M. on April 24th—his birthday.

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Rotondo, Evelyn Jean (Fellows)



Evelyn Jean Fellows Rotondo, 93, of Simsbury, CT passed away Monday, March 28, 2022 at McLean Home in Simsbury, CT surrounded by her loving family. Wife of the late Nello Joseph Rotondo, she was born March 1, 1929 in Hartford to the late Gilbert B. Fellows and Mary Elizabeth (Marcil) Fellows. She worked as an Investigator for the State of Connecticut Department of Income Maintenance for many years prior to her retirement. She then enjoyed a part-time job obtaining data from the courts across Connecticut for The Info Center. She was devoted to her family; her children and grandchildren were the loves of her life and she was dedicated to their health and happiness. Jean is survived by her children, Susan Sabelli and husband Guido of Northboro, MA; Mark Rotondo and wife Pat Leaver of Simsbury; Cathy Revelle and husband John of Auburndale, FL; Elizabeth Greenwood and the late Stephen Greenwood of North Granby; Mathew Rotondo and wife Leslie of New Hartford. She leaves 8 grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth (Sabelli) and Andy Nitschke, Philip Sabelli, John Joseph Revelle, Joseph Rotondo, Irene Rotondo, Doug and Ruth Leaver, Chris and Lynne Leaver, Whitney and the late Todd Longhi and numerous great grandchildren. Also, she leaves a very special niece Betty (Fellows) and her husband Patrick Sullivan of Woodburn, OR. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 5th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. A graveside service will follow at 1:00 PM in Simsbury Cemetery, 16 Plank Hill Road in Simsbury. Donations in her memory may be made to The Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please visit Jean's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Wiater, Jr. , David A



I now have lost the two loves of my life. My beloved son David A Wiater, Jr. passed away on February 9, 2022. My heart is broken and torn and I will miss our daily conversations, his contagious smile and laugh. Like his father he never missed sending me love and beautiful messages for every occasion. David was a giver and always ready to help someone in need. David leaves me, his Mom Jan, and a close and loving family. David leaves his beloved Aunt Cherie, his treasured cousins Karen Curti, Diedre Curti, her son Christopher, her daughter Ann Potter and her husband Billy and son Grant, Nateasa Scott and her son Miles, Bree Pelczar and her husband Kevin, daughter Avery, son Christian. David leaves second cousins on the Reale, Cianfaglione and Wiater side of the family. David leaves his loving Godmother Betty Ann Ryan and her daughter Christine. David leaves Bree and Nateasa's Dad Michael Scott. He was a good uncle and friend to David. He also leaves Aunt Joanie from Chalker Beach where he spent many enjoyable summers. David enjoyed Florida, fishing and entertaining cousins and friends on his boat. David often talked about how over the many years he was able to keep the same true friends that he could depend on and trust. I also have many friends that loved David and will miss him. Thank you family and friends for loving David. David will join his Dad, David Sr., Aunt Ann, (2) sets of Grandparents, other family and friends in Heaven and of course his beloved dogs (2) Kablees, and Rex I am sure David is happy that I was able to find Simon a new loving home. A mass will be celebrated on Saturday August 20, 2022 at 11:00 am at Saint Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes St. South Windsor, CT 06074

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Gavin Jr., John Michael



John Michael Gavin Jr., 74, died suddenly March 26 2022, in Hebron, Connecticut surrounded by the beauty of his happy place, Blackledge Country Club. John was born April 15, 1947, in New York City, to John and Marie (Navagh) Gavin. John is a proud graduate of Penney High School in East Hartford, CT. He had very fond memories of working at Augie and Ray's during this time. John moved on to Providence College, graduating in 1969, and starting a legacy of Friars including his two sons Sean ('01) and Michael ('03). Serving in the Reserved Officers' Training Corps during college, John joined the United States Army after graduation achieving a rank of Second Lieutenant. Following his military career, John worked in sales until his retirement. John was an avid golfer and found solace on the course. Those he played affectionately knew him as "Long Ball." Following in his father's footsteps, John was fortunate enough to celebrate his lifelong golfing journey with a hole-in-one on September 9, 2017, at the Gilead Highlands 8th hole (and amazingly repeated the feat 4 years later). Off the course, John was known as a man of principle, faith, and family. His true dedication was exemplified from his steadfast relationship to his wife Diana of 44 years. He leaves behind his sister Joan, his two boys, Sean and Michael, their wives Kristy and Lana Gavin, and his five beloved grandchildren, Brady, Ty, Fay, Cade, and Cora, who will surely miss their grandad. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 8th at 10a.m. directly in St. Josephine Bakhita Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Campus, 280 Brook St. Rocky Hill. Interment will follow in the State Veteran's Cemetery, Middletown. Family and friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN, 511 Brook St. Rock Hill, on Thursday, April 7th from 5-7p.m. In lieu of flowers please send memorial donations to the American Heart Association or Rocky Hill Human Services Department. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Goldberg, Robert B.



Robert Goldberg, 80, lost his 41-year valiant battle with heart disease March 24 at Saint Francis Hospital with his wife, Carole, by his side. Bob, of West Hartford, survived a near-fatal heart attack at 39 and endured many medical procedures, but lived an active life. He made friends easily and had a sharp mind and sense of humor.

Son of the late Morris and Ethel Goldberg, Bob graduated from Conard High School in 1959 and Dartmouth College in 1963, where he was a featured concert pianist and sang with the college's a cappella group. He retired from a career in sales and marketing of educational materials.

Bob and Carole met in 9th grade and married in 1963. And then amicably divorced in 1994. And then remarried in 1997.

"We tried to make the divorce work but just couldn't," Carole says. "It was like a sabbatical that taught us what and who were most important to us."

Their sons are Jonathan, of Boston, senior artist-in-residence for musical theatre at Emerson College, and Jeff, a sports journalist and author who lives in San Diego with his wife, Susan. He also leaves a brother, Barry, of Longmeadow, Mass.

"I owe my love of music and my career as a musician to my dad.100 percent," Jon says. "Without him that just would not have happened. He wanted to be a professional musician but his parents didn't support that. I am blessed and privileged that he gave me that opportunity."

"Dad and I had a unique Connecticut relationship," Jeff says, "as he grew up a rabid Yankees fan and I went with the Red Sox. So much of our life was defined by the back-and-forth of the rivalry, and it fueled my passion for sports and sports writing. My dad loved making people happy. He always took time to try to get to know every waiter, every check-out cashier, every customer rep. He made everyone he encountered feel important. That was his gift."

Bob loved bargain shopping with Carole, their second home on Cape Cod, watching "Judge Judy" and sports on TV, gardening, bird watching and his cat Sweetie and San Diego granddog Rocky.

He was a supporter of the Saint Francis Hospital Foundation and treasured his long friendship with his cardiologists, Dr. Joseph Sappington and the late Dr. Robert Cohen.

His funeral was private, and a memorial service is being planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Saint Francis Hospital Foundation, 95 Woodland St. 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 or www.saintfrancisdonor.com/giving/.

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Tansi, Theodore T



Theodore Thomas Tansi (Ted), 90, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, March 7th. He was born on May 8th, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Bonfiglio and Anna (Ampolini) Tansi. He was a graduate of St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island, and earned an Economics degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

He is survived by his former wife Sydney Bartlett Tansi of Manchester, CT and four children; William Tansi and wife Joan of Wrentham, MA; Robert Tansi of Quincy, MA; Anna Tansi of East Hartford, CT; and Thomas Tansi and wife Merideth of Camden, ME. He is also survived by five grandchildren; Sarah Tansi, Benjamin Tansi, Andrew Aramini, Caroline Aramini, and William Tansi. He was predeceased by his three sisters, Tina, Marcella (Skippy), and Adelaide.

Ted was a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he transferred to The Reserves where he attained the rank of Captain. He went on to work for IBM, CG, and Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance before being elected First Selectman of Simsbury, Connecticut where he lived for 30 years.

After his retirement, Ted moved to Florida where he met Mary McGeary who became his companion during the later years of his life. He was an avid golfer and a competitive card player who frequented the poker rooms around Bonita Springs, FL. He was known for his hearty, signature laugh and always had a joke, one-liner, or a story to share with the intent of lifting someone's spirits or making them smile.

Ted will be missed by his family and all who knew him. A Celebration of his Life will be held on May 7th from 2-4 PM at The Maple Tree Café, 781 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070.

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Beggs, John Calvin



John Calvin Beggs passed away at age 97 on Thursday, March 24, 2022. "Cal" was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on 23 August 1924, spending childhood years in Oklahoma and Chicago, IL. He served in Company G, 407th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry (Ozark) Division during World War II, was awarded the Purple Heart in the Rhineland campaign on December 1, 1945 and separated from service on 2 Feb. 1946. He married his beloved wife Virginia on June 3, 1947 and their marriage lasted 72 years until her death in 2019. A skilled carpenter and craftsman, Cal built their first home where they raised their family in Manchester and re-modeled their cherished retirement home on Fishers Island, NY. He enjoyed building furniture, boat models, and wooden toys. Cal graduated from the University of Illinois in 1948, receiving a BS with honors in Aeronautical Engineering followed by a 38 year career with Hamilton Standard, UTC retiring in 1986. He considered his assignment as Program Manager of the Apollo Portable Life Support System (PLSS), which sustained the astronauts while they were on the lunar surface, to be the most rewarding of his career. Away from the workplace he had two passions; sailing and music. A member of numerous Yacht Clubs he and his two sons successfully raced a Morgan 24 sloop for 25 years and, as he neared the end of his sailing days, successfully raced a Bullseye sloop at the Fishers Island YC. Music was a vital part of his life, learning to read music and play the piccolo at age 8, then turning to singing at age 28, performing as a member of many church choirs and community choruses and as a tenor soloist until his death.

He is survived by daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Tom McManus of Proctor, VT; son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Sandi Beggs of Manchester, CT; son and daughter-in-law Brian and Jennifer Beggs of Gulf Breeze, FL plus 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great- great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held in the StoneRidge auditorium (186 Jerry Browne Rd., Mystic, CT) at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, 8 April 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the StoneRidge Employees Appreciation Fund, 186 Jerry Browne Rd., Mystic, CT 06355 or to Smile Train, PO Box 96321, Washington DC 20090-6231.

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Verrengia, Julie (Flanagan)



Julie (Flanagan) Verrengia passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at the age of 61 at Avon Health Center surrounded by her husband John and two children, Jonathan and Jenna after a courageous battle with cancer for five years. Julie grew up in New London, CT and is survived by her parents, Robert Flanagan (92) and Jacqueline (Luzi) Flanagan (91) as well as her three younger siblings Stephen, Darra, and Michael. Julie followed in her father's footsteps and attended Providence College. She and her husband met while working at Cigna in 1983 before moving to Simsbury in 1988 and calling it home for the past 34 years. Julie was a strong and loving mother and wife who gave all she had to make those around her happy. She was best known for her quick wit, thoughtfulness, sense of humor and ability to light up a room. Julie was genuine, lovable and admirable. She never missed the opportunity to give her opinion in an authentic, caring and loving way – you always knew where she stood. Julie was especially proud of her time at Bloomfield High School working with the students and faculty that brought her so much joy. She loved walking the dog and was happiest by the ocean spending her weekends on the boat in Watch Hill or Block Island. Julie had so much more life to live but knowing she's at peace floating on a boat, a dog by her side and a glass of sauvignon blanc in her hand (with a side of ice of course) is the heaven we will forever envision for her. Calling hours are Tuesday, April 5th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury CT. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 6th at Saint Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can made to: Hartford Hospital, Harry and Helen Gray Cancer Center, ATTN: Philanthropy Department, In memory of Julie Verrengia, 80 Seymour Street Hartford, CT 06102. Please visit Julie's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Yesaitis, Beverly A. (Evans)



Beverly A. (Evans) Yesaitis, 80 of Windsor, beloved wife of Edward Yesaitis passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. She was born in Hartford on September 1, 1941; a daughter of the late Peter and Anna (Sawka) Evans. You could always find Beverly with a cup of coffee in one hand and a cigarette near by reading a book watching the sunrise.

Beverly enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles every day, and was always getting the answers to jeopardy. She also enjoyed painting and had her eyes for the palette. Beverly was an animal lover; she loved her pets but would always have a handout for the hungry four-legged friend. She was a great metal detector enthusiast as well. When she got her hands in the dirt, look out... much of this carried over to her love for gardening. Beverly had a love for the garden, she especially loved to see the flowers bloom in the spring. The lovely flowers and gardening made her happy, clearing patches of brush and thistles were not too much for her as she loved her earth. The warm smile will last much longer when the garden is sown.

She was a loving wife, mother, and friend. Beverly is survived by her loving husband of sixty years, Edward R. Yesaitis, her son, Michael R. Yesaitis and his fiancée Michelle Herzig, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Edward R. Yesaitis, Jr., her sister Jaqueline Pesco, and her brother Wayne D. Evans.

Relatives and friends may join the family for calling hours on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Beverly's memory may be made to Kimberly Hall South, 1 Emerson Drive, Windsor, CT 06095. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Gibson, Gary A.



Gary A. Gibson, 58, resident of Boynton Beach, Florida passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Gary was born January 17, 1964 in Bristol, CT. He was the son of Archibald A. Gibson and Winona Rose Gibson. Gary was the Vice President of Sales at Quality Coils Incorporated. He loved Florida, the beach and time spent with his family. He was strong spirited and had a warming laugh. Gary was a member of Chippannee Country Club for many of his younger years. He is survived by his two sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter; Tyler, Stefan, Carlissa and Camila. Sister Dr. Cheryl Gibson spouse Mary Hurlie, Brothers Mark, wife Michelle, Keith, wife Jill, his nieces, nephews, and Catherine and Jim Gosnell. He will be greatly missed. There will only be a privately held celebration of life with his family. Donations in Gary's honor may be made at the donor's discretion.

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Havel, Mark Joseph



Mark Joseph Havel, 70, of Stuart, FL and Stafford Springs, CT, passed away peacefully with loved ones on March 27, 2022, at the home of his devoted daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Steven Williams.

Mark was born in 1951 to Joseph and Anne (Serbin) Havel in New Britain, CT. After Mark graduated from Pulaski High School in New Britain in 1969, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He worked his entire career at UPS in Watertown and was a retired Teamster of Local 677.

He loved spending time with family and friends and being outdoors fishing and hunting. In 2007, he purchased his winter home in Stuart where he spent many hours on the beach working on his tan and enjoying his retirement. In 2015, he realized his dream of owning a log home on a lake where he enjoyed fishing in his private fishing hole and watching all the wildlife that lived around him.

He leaves behind his former wife Cheryl Holtham, two children, Robert Doyer and Jennifer Williams, five grandchildren, Jobi Bieluch, his own personal nurse, Jacob Doyer, Hunter and Samantha Williams, Ryan and Kailey Doyer. He is also survived by his brother Gerald (Jerry) Havel, a niece Amy Havel and her daughter Zoe, a nephew Douglas Havel and his wife Kimberly, and their sons, Ryan and Tyler Havel.

Mark was blessed with lifelong friendships that he valued greatly including Thomas and Linda Farrelly, Ronald Balukas, Greg Brown, and Edward Allen.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Anne (Serbin) Havel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to Tidewell Hospice, 3550 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239. Later this summer, his ashes will be buried alongside his parents and grandparents at the St. Mary's Ukrainian Cemetery in New Britain, CT.

The Bluebird by Catherine Turner

The Bluebird of happiness sang high above
Bringing joy to a dark world of strife
Its soft wings protected and nurtured our love
And its song was the song of our life
Now the wonderful world where our Bluebird belonged
A sad silent world has become
As that beautiful bird finished singing his song
And the white Dove of God took you home

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.groover-funeral-home.com for the Havel family.

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Porter, Robert D.



Robert Dwight Porter, 93, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Phyllis (Mortimer) Porter, died Thursday, March 24, 2022, at his home. He was born September 25, 1928, in Highland Park, MI, son of the late Dwight Matthew and Elizabeth (Lobaugh) Porter. He had lived in Western Pennsylvania prior to moving to Simsbury 63 years ago. He was a graduate of Penn State University, Class of '52, and received his Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering in '57. Bob's life pursuit was the world of aviation. He worked at Hamilton Standard for 37 years where he retired as the Director of Engineering Programs. In the early 1960s he worked alongside of the legendary aircraft designer Kelly Johnson at the Skunk Works and Area 51 on a top-secret project to develop the A12 and SR71.

Bob was instrumental in the development of the first digital fuel control system used in commercial aviation. He received United Technologies' George Mead award for the development of the air inlet control for the F-15 fighter which is still in use today. Bob was a long-time member of the Society for Automotive Engineers and held 8 patents covering helicopter hydro mechanical controls to air inlet controls. Upon his retirement Bob and Phyllis moved to Germany where he worked as a consultant to the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft consortium, a collaboration of the U.K. Germany and Italy to develop Europe's next generation fighter. Bob, a private pilot, enjoyed flying Cessna aircraft as a member of the 43rd Aviation Flying Club and was a proud member of United Flying Octogenarians (UFO). A highlight for him was flying with Phyllis as "co-pilot" to California. As a mentor to the Farmington High School Robotics Team, Bob shared his passion for design with a future generation of engineers. In recognition of his contributions to aviation, Bob's name is inscribed on the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Wall of Honor. In addition to his beloved wife of 66 years, he is survived by his three children, Andrea Porter of West Simsbury, Charles Porter and wife Jeanette of Reading, MA and Bradley Porter and wife Jennifer of Amesbury, MA; his three sisters, Maxine Austen, Beverly Ogdon, and Donna Soergel; his grandchildren, Brittany Geis, Ayantu and Samantha Porter; and several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Kobby for his unwavering compassion and devotion in caring for Dad. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The New England Air Museum, 38 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements.

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Brown, David



David Brown, 64, a lifelong resident of Ivoryton, passed away on March 30th, 2022 surrounded by the ones he loved. Born August 31st, 1957 in Middletown to Earl W. and Florence (Carey) Brown, David was a skilled tradesman who worked for many years with Middlesex Concrete and Twin Oaks Construction.

David was predeceased by his parents, and by his nieces Sarah Feeney and Kristine Andersen. He is survived by his son, Joshua Brown and his wife Jessica of Lisbon, five granddaughters, his sister, Leda (Brown) Andersen of Clinton, his cousin Michael Brown who he considered a brother, and countless friends and family who stuck by him till the end. David was a passionate motorcyclist and a devoted friend to many. All are invited to join us at the Robinson Wright & Weymer Funeral Home located at 34 Main Street in Centerbrook, CT on Saturday, April 9th from 1pm to 4pm, followed by a reception at the John Sobieski III Club which is located at 10 Woodland Rd, Deep River, CT to celebrate his life. To share a memory of David or send a condolence to his family please visit www.rwwfh.com

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Scheer, Kenneth



Kenneth Scheer, 63, of Berlin, husband of Betsy (Dyson) Scheer, tragically left his loved ones on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. A lifelong Berlin resident, he was a graduate of Berlin High School class of 1976. Continuing his education, Ken graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Impressively passing four difficult testing competencies in one day, he quickly became a Certified Public Accountant, working for many years in the profession. Twenty years ago Ken joined Dyson Associates, the multi-generational family business, as a manufacturer's representative, allowing his father-in-law to retire. Ken was a "Go Getter" with an insatiable drive to succeed. Beyond its appearance during work and through hobbies, it showed brightly as a member of the Berlin Lions Club. Ken worked tirelessly to better his community through outreach programs with the club; most recently during COVID-19 showing appreciation for many first responders. He was a contributor to the Visually Impaired Persons annual fishing tournaments, managed the beer booth at the Berlin Fair, and chaired the Membership Committee. His hard work and dedication earned him many distinctions including Lion of the Year in 2014, Ambassador of Sight in 2015, and Knight of the Blind in 2021. Posthumously, Ken is being honored with the distinctive Melvin Jones Award, given only to the most deserving Lions members.

Ken always looked forward to spring as he was a long-time member of a golf league at Southington Country Club where he played with a great group of work friends. He loved the comradery and cocktails on the course, dinners after, while always hoping for another straight drive and the next putt to drop. Ken cherished spending his free time with his beloved family. Time spent relaxing on numerous vacations, bantering during family dinners, and joking during holidays and parties is where most of the best memories were made. He held and shared many hobbies such as reading, gardening, and fixing anything that needed repair. He enjoyed visiting New England breweries, continuously on the hunt for the next best juicy IPA. Ken had a heart of gold. He was the most loyal friend, doing anything for all before even being asked. He has left many, many shattered hearts that will never be repaired.

Besides his childhood sweetheart and soulmate Betsy, he is survived by the mirrors of his soul, his children, Matthew Scheer and his wife Morgan of West Hartford, Zachary Scheer and his girlfriend Sabrinna Dubiel of Middlefield, and Kathryn Scheer of New Britain. He is further survived by three siblings, Kathy Corcoran and her husband Jerry of South Windsor, Karrie Phillips and her husband Bernie of East Hampton, and Kris Scheer of Berlin, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and countless friends. He is predeceased by his parents Kenneth and Rose Scheer and his brother, Kurt Scheer.

Family and friends are welcome to join a Celebration of Life to be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 4pm to 8pm, at Kinsmen Brewing Company located at 409 Canal Street, Milldale, CT 06467. Donations in Ken's memory may be made online at <http://berlinlions.org/charities/donate/>

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Jourdain, Marie L. (Usati)

Marie L. (Usati) Jourdain, 89, of Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Marie was born on January 25, 1933, in Brooklyn, NY, daughter to the late Daniel and Mildred (DeForie) Usati. Marie was born and raised in New York and was a graduate of the Abraham Lincoln High School, Class of 1951. After high school, Marie continued her education earning her master's degree from the King's Highway School of Business. Marie was employed as a travel agent for six years with Odyssey Travel in East Hartford before working for the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing and DMV before her retirement in 1999. After her retirement, Marie relocated to Florida for a few years before moving back to Connecticut to be with her family. She enjoyed going to beaches in Florida and Connecticut during her free time. She looked forward to spending time with her friends, family and good spirits. Marie had the pleasure of skydiving at the age of 80 before her health began to decline. She lived a good life and lived it to the fullest. Marie is survived by her son, Dan Jourdain and his wife Deborah of Bloomfield; her granddaughter, Rayann; her twin sister Catherine Marshall of Deer Park, L.I.N.Y. as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022, from 10-12 p.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Ste 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Happy Birthday MOM

Alex and Diane

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Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate Lars Guldager's life on Sunday, 22 May 2022, 1-4 pm, at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park, 1555 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT. Join us for a send-off party he would love! To help plan the event, please RSVP to his daughter, Nikki Guldager (nikki.guldager@gmail.com), though RSVP is not required.

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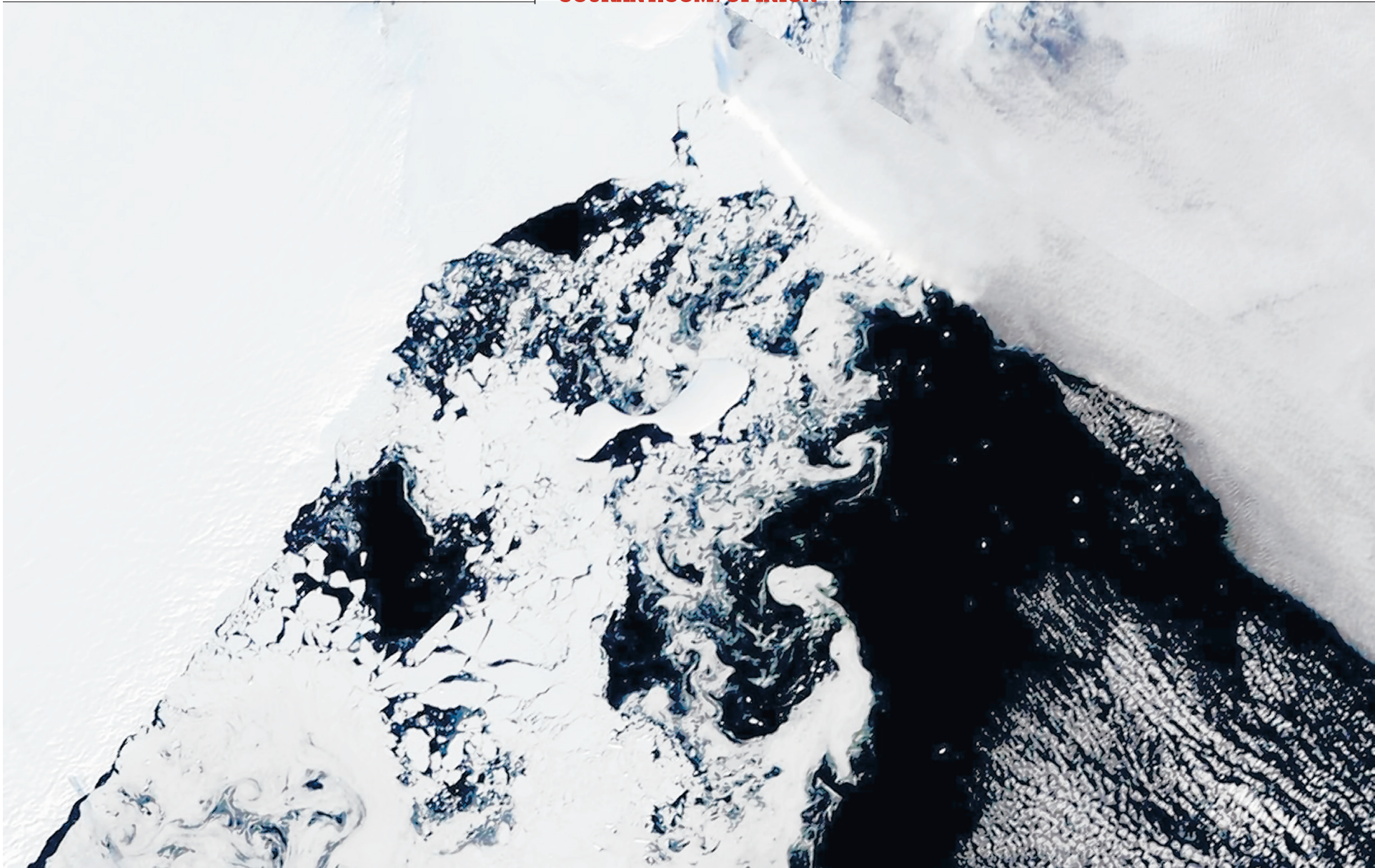
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Scientists are concerned because an ice shelf the size of New York City collapsed in East Antarctica, an area that had long been thought to be stable. The collapse in March was the first time scientists have seen an ice shelf collapse in this cold area of Antarctica. **CHRISTOPHER SHUMAN/UMBC/NASA**

There are two prices to consider: Gas and climate

By Suzanne OConnell

Throughout my 20s, before Uber and Lyft, my favorite mode of transportation was hitchhiking. It was economical and, even through several cross-country trips, I never had a problem. I resisted purchasing a car until 1978 when I got a prized job at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts and didn't want my new colleagues to see me with a hitchhiking sign.

I'm not a mechanic and not that interested in how pistons convert fossil fuel into energy to propel a car forward. So I decided to purchase a new vehicle. I had student loans to pay and a career to concentrate on, so I needed an economical car that required no attention. Gas then averaged 68 cents per gallon (\$2.90 in 2022). There was no doubt in my mind that gas would soon be \$2 a gallon (\$8.62 in 2022).

My choice was a bright yellow Honda Civic. At 50 mpg, it was small but peppy and good on New England winter roads. Today there is no non-hybrid car on the market that gets 50 mpg. My current car, a Subaru Crosstrek, gets 28-29 mpg. I'm sure it is better in all road conditions and no doubt "safer" than my old Honda, but at what price?

There are two prices to consider: gas and climate.

Gas price: Today, gas is more than \$4 a gallon (93 cents in 1978 dollars), and with the war in Ukraine, it might soon be \$5 a gallon (\$1.16 in 1978 dollars). Gas didn't reach \$2 a gallon until 2004-2005. Since 2004-2005 there have been significant price variations, reaching \$3.62 in 2012 (\$4.43 in 2022) and dropping to \$2.14 and \$2.17 in 2016 and 2020. We remember the lower prices, especially when the rate of increase between 2020 and today has been so breathtakingly dramatic. Historically, as painful as it is, when adjusted for inflation, gas prices in the United States are not that high. Consider the price in 2012.

Climate Price: The majority of Americans



OConnell

are concerned about climate change. With good reason. The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report issued dire warnings about the consequences of additional greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. Scientists have warned about the climate consequences of increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere since the first report was issued in 1990. Then the average price of a gallon of gasoline at the pump was \$1.30 (65 cents in 1978 and \$2.80 in 2022). Yet there is no pause in the relentless increase of CO2 into the atmosphere. Between 1978 and 2022, atmospheric CO2 increased from 335.26 ppm to 418.38 ppm, 25%; 83 ppm in just 44 years. And the growth was more rapid in the past five years.

From the Antarctic ice core record, where tiny bubbles of atmospheric gas are locked into the ice, we know that for the past 800,000 years, atmospheric CO2 generally varied between 180 and 280 ppm. At the height of the last ice age, 20,000 years ago, CO2 levels hovered around 180-185 ppm. As the ice melted and Earth warmed over the next 20,000 years, CO2 levels increased to 280

ppm. Earth's ecological systems had time to respond to the increase. Pollen records show a gradual shift in plants, including trees, as warmer species replaced colder species. This shows the importance of the rate of change, a concept that is often overlooked when discussing our current climate crisis. In just 64 years, atmospheric CO2 levels have increased over 100 ppm, a natural increase that took about 20,000 years. Equally discouraging is the rate of growth.

Despite our knowledge that there are devastating consequences from the rapid increase of CO2, we have not changed the trajectory.

When I think about the rate of change, I think about gaining weight. Imagine you are 20 years old, 5 feet 6, and weigh 150 pounds, with a body mass index (BMI) of 24 (healthy).

As the years progress, you might gain weight. If you gain two pounds per year for 50 years, at 70, you'll weigh 250 pounds and have a BMI of 40 (obese). An alternative is that you gain two pounds a week for a year. By the end of the year, you'll weigh 254 pounds. These are two different rates of change with drastically different consequences. Both are possible, neither is desirable.

For atmospheric CO2, we are on the two pounds per week trajectory. Many factors contribute to this rapid increase: larger houses, food choices, the surge in electrical devices and the voracious gasoline appetite for our personal transportation. We've known about the impending climate crises for decades. It is painful to watch the numbers flip by as my car tank fills. I lament that we don't have the option to drive a 50 mpg gas-propelled car. I'm furious that we are losing the opportunity to protect the lives of our children and grandchildren. Gas prices need to be high to help us consider their future, which we are squandering.

Suzanne OConnell is a professor of earth and environmental science at Wesleyan University.

A conflagration of political commercials looms



Kevin Rennie

The campaign air wars have begun, giving us a preview of the conflagration of commercials the fall will bring. Republican Bob Stefanowski aired his first ads in February. Gov. Ned Lamont has now aired his first wave.

Both candidates begin with a common theme. Both want to maintain the fiction that they are not politicians. Stefanowski is making his second bid for gover-

nor after losing to Lamont in 2018. The Madison Republican remained active in party politics after that defeat and will be crowned as his party's nominee in May.

Lamont is making his fourth bid for statewide office. He lost a ferocious bid for the U.S. Senate in 2006 and was buried in a landslide Democratic primary contest by former Gov. Dannel P. Malloy in their 2010 contest. Four campaigns and \$50 million of his fortune spent on the first three campaigns makes a candidate a politician. It is a curious phenomenon that some people immersed in politics at the highest levels will deny they are politicians.

They are.

Both Lamont and Stefanowski ought to be better candidates than they were four years ago. Lamont has been governor for the past three eventful years and ought to be fluent in any issue he confronts. Stefanowski appears to be more conversant in public policy after blithely issuing political prescriptions to repeal the state income tax as the cure for every state ailment.

Stefanowski's initial ad served as a reintroduction of the renovated candidate. He offered no sweeping promises, referred to making improvements in small increments, and promised a forensic audit of state govern-

ment. An accountant by training, Stefanowski may be overestimating how many voters will be stirred by cries for more audits. But it is early.

The governor hails Connecticut's resilience in his first advertisement. The state's finances are better, taxes are lower and, the Greenwich Democrat notes, we are spending more on education, health care and public safety. Lamont warbles a lot of notes in 30 seconds.

The candidates are not the only ones who get to spend their fortunes on ads. An independent committee supporting Stefanowski launched an ad accusing Lamont of ignoring alle-

gations of corruption in the state's school construction financing program. Federal law enforcement officials are investigating the school construction program and the State Pier project in New London.

State Democrats responded by pointing out Stefanowski made his money working for UBS and heading a payday lender that had charged exorbitant interest rates. Stefanowski will need to explain that. Diving into the origins of the wealth often turns up disappointing conduct.

The political weather feels stormy for many candidates who

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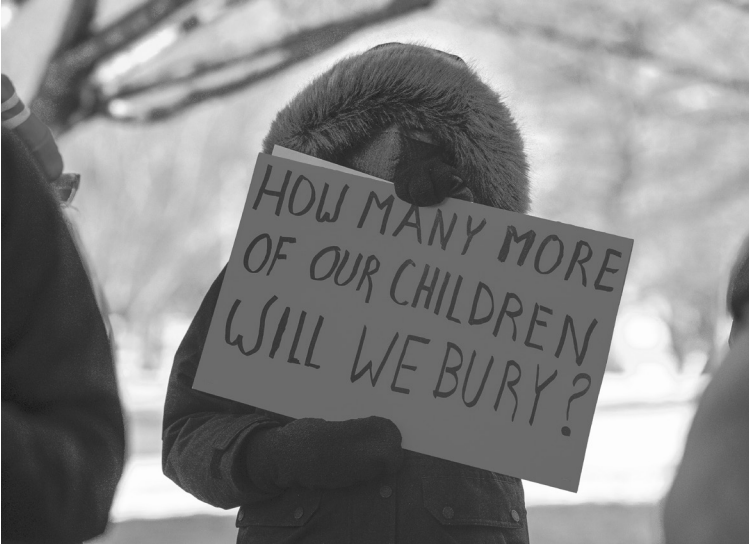
EDITORIAL

Helping children lead healthy lives should be everyone’s goal

It is a shame we must consider the trauma that children in Connecticut must face when they witness violence. This includes slayings, domestic violence and, yes, verbal assaults. It is a shame because children should not have to be exposed to violence as they learn to navigate the already complicated world we live in. Such exposure to violence increases the risks of substance abuse, mental health problems and criminal behavior into adulthood, according to mental health and criminal justice experts, The Courant’s Jesse Leavenworth has reported. But New Britain State’s Attorney Brian Preleski has developed a program through which he hopes to help children maintain their resilience and to thrive. That’s a step that should be applauded.

It’s dubbed the State’s Attorney’s Violence Eradication and Disruption, or SAVED. Through the program — targeting New Britain, Bristol, Newington and Wethersfield — the intent is to identify children upon whom trauma has made an impact and help them, primarily through counseling. As Preleski has noted, “The consistent thread I see is that kids tend to be resilient if you give them the resources to cope.” Assisting in sharing those resources and techniques will be the Rev. John Walker, who not only is senior pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church in New Britain, but has the added experience of being a retired police officer, and he will be joined by inspectors in the prosecutor’s office, police, school and other leaders. The need for this type of program is clear: Preleski and

Walker have said that children can react to exposure to violence in different ways, including by shutting down, and by engaging in violence. But children can be helped to avoid those negative outcomes, according to the organizers. Walker, for example, said he must build rapport and gain trust through communication. “These kids want to make sure that someone hears them,” he has said. And there’s more. Through the program, relatives such as parents, grandparents and others can learn about how trauma affects children and what can be done to end cycles of violence, substance abuse and criminal justice involvement, organizers told Leavenworth. It sounds like Preleski and Walker have given a lot of thought to the elements of this program and who to include.



Children should not have to be exposed to violence as they learn to navigate the already complicated world we live in. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

In the “it takes a village” tradition, including families, clergy, schools, experts and community members in this effort could mean all the more support for children who need it. New Britain Mayor Erin E. Stewart noted at the program’s launch that, “It’s a multifaceted impact that requires a holistic approach to healing.” Preleski has said that the new program is forward-looking and

prevention-focused and that the hope is to expand and continue it. If the program is successful, other communities should consider adopting a similar system. Connecticut’s children did not create the circumstances that brought the need for a program such as SAVED. But helping children to heal and lead healthy, productive lives should be everybody’s goal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don’t redevelop Brainard Airport

As The Courant reported on March 23, a few years ago the state legislature commissioned a comprehensive study about the operations of Brainard Airport, the state’s third busiest airport. The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, a “bipartisan statutory committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,” carefully and comprehensively studied the airport. In a long, detailed report, the unbiased committee recommended that “the site continue to host an operating airport” because, among other benefits, “[t]he airport’s direct economic contribution to the state is estimated at \$43 million annually.” That economic benefit is now estimated at \$59 million annually. The committee also found that a redevelopment proposal put forward by the MDC should be rejected because “[r]edevelopment would be highly complex, time-consuming, and expensive.” Nothing has changed. Now, a few local politicians (including one who is an executive at the MDC), want the state to spend \$1.5 million to conduct the same study because they apparently didn’t like the results of the first. If they are successful, the state stands to lose \$59 million per year in economic contribution, a vital infrastructure resource, and be burdened with the “highly complex, time-consuming, and expensive redevelopment” that already was rejected. Please urge your legislators to make it stop now. **Craig Raabe, West Hartford**



With the Hartford skyline visible in the background, a secured plane rests on the tarmac at Brainard Airport. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Billionaires seized billions of dollars “Seized” might be the correct way to describe how billionaires in Connecticut found themselves billions of dollars richer after two years of pandemic. As reported in a Courant front page article on March 20, Rick Melita of SEIU was criticized by a Republican for using the word “seized” in his testimony to the Legislature’s Finance Committee. But do billionaires earn their money the same way, let’s say, a teacher or an accountant does? Billionaires and the super-

rich hire teams of lawyers and accountants who utilize loopholes and tax avoidance schemes in order to shield their annual income from taxes. Billionaires and their allies spend millions to hire lobbyists (and elect politicians) who push to deform tax laws, purely to lighten their own tax obligations. Lower- and middle-income employees pay up to double the percentage of their annual earnings in taxes than do the wealthy. Maybe the correct word is pocketed or bagged or grossed, but surely “earned” is wrong. **Paul Filson, West Hartford**

Fast-track bill for improved air quality I was pleased to read “Connecticut Democrats push bills to reduce transportation emissions, boost electric vehicles” [courant.com, March 9]. Kudos to the General Assembly for considering important legislation to address Connecticut’s air quality. Did you know the state has failed to meet federal health-based air quality standards for ground-level ozone or smog for nearly a half-century? As physicians, we see the effects every day on our patients. Poor air quality actu-

ally worsens acute and chronic respiratory problems like asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung diseases and in some cases leads to death. According to a report from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation Asthma Capitals 2021, two Connecticut cities were among the 100 largest U.S. cities where it is most challenging to live with asthma — New Haven (No. 5) and Hartford (No. 17). Now consider that transportation is a leading cause of air quality problems, responsible for 67% of the nitrogen oxide emissions — a major component of smog. By passing the vehicle standards included in HB 5039, Connecticut will begin to address the negative health consequences of our poor air quality, reducing premature deaths and hospital visits, and avoiding more than 57,000 minor illnesses. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, these improved health outcomes will save Connecticut nearly \$1.2 billion. Connecticut should fast-track these bills — the health of our patients depends on it. **Dan Freess, West Hartford**

Hypocritical Brown Jackson critics Am I missing something, or aren’t the people who are accusing Ketanji Brown Jackson of being soft on crime many of the same people who described the Jan. 6 insurrection where government property was destroyed and stolen, and Capitol police officers were assaulted resulting in one officer losing his life, as “legitimate political discourse?” Really? **Jeff Winick, West Hartford**

Poverty harms children — and Connecticut can change that

By Kristin Reese

“Thank you so much. You don’t know how badly I need this money. I’m a single mom, I have three kids, my son’s birthday is next month and there are bills to pay.” As both a pediatrician and volunteer tax preparer, I witness the power of the Earned Income Tax Credit and federal Child Tax Credit to decrease child poverty and build healthier, happier children. In a year fraught with many pandemic-related hardships, many Connecticut families and children are struggling. This legislative session, Connecticut has the opportunity to help these families with HB 5403, which would establish a Connecticut state Child Tax Credit, and SB 383, which would increase the applicable percentage of the EITC.

I provide pediatric primary care in New Haven, and every day I witness how poverty harms children. Families with limited financial means often struggle to afford basic necessities, maintain stable housing, eat nutritious food and stay physically active. These children are at higher risk of developing chronic health conditions, such as asthma and obesity. As one step in ameliorating the harmful effects of poverty, our pediatric clinic has offered free tax preparation services to our families for the past three years by partnering with an IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site. We ensure that families are claiming all credits they qualify for, because for some families, like that single mom of three kids, receiving the maximum refund means not choosing between birthday presents and the electric bill.

There is also a body of research linking the EITC and CTC to improved health outcomes. The EITC has been shown to increase workforce participation among single women with children and help families pay for basic essentials. The receipt of the EITC is associated with improvements in infant health, with lower rates of low birth weight babies, fewer preterm births and increased prenatal care among these families. Moreover, research suggests that children raised in families receiving the EITC and CTC do better in school, are more likely to attend college and can be expected to earn more as adults. In 2021, we saw how the federal CTC decreased child poverty. However, as it stands, child tax credit payments will not be renewed this year. According to data from the Center

on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University, child poverty rose nationally in January as a result. Connecticut’s tax system is unfair. Despite being a wealthy state, Connecticut has the second-highest level of income inequality in the nation and a substantial racial income gap. It is hard for working- and middle-class families, especially families of color, to make ends meet. Connecticut is one of only four states with an income tax that does not adjust for family size or child-care expenses to help offset the high and growing cost of raising children. A Connecticut CTC would help these families and bring Connecticut’s income tax more in line with other state income taxes. To be sure, there is a price tag. But these critical economic investments in young families

generate economic output, as well as lifetime savings in medical care and social support. A report by Connecticut Voices for Children estimates that establishing a \$300 million Connecticut CTC would increase the state’s economic output by \$375 million. In addition, they report that establishing a Connecticut CTC would help grow Connecticut’s economy over the medium-to-long term by making it more affordable for working- and middle-class families to stay in Connecticut and have more children. What can you do to help? Please write to your state senator and state representative. Ask them to support HB 5403 and SB 383. We must invest in our children today. *Dr. Kristin Reese is a pediatrician in New Haven.*

Rennie

from Page 1 might otherwise relax. We have endured six tumultuous years. Polls do not provide the confidence they did a decade ago. Lamont knows what it is like to be a formidable favorite and watch a lead disappear. The governor should be reas-

sured by the cordial welcome he receives as he travels the state. He appears intent on portraying a resurgent Connecticut, confident in its future. He will try to persuade voters that his four years in office have made a difference. Lamont and his political team must have been startled at the grim tone his fellow Democrat, Attorney General William Tong,

struck in his first campaign video. Tong, seeking a second term, portrayed Connecticut as a bleak place with unrelenting troubles. “Every day is a struggle,” the Stamford Democrat intones in a voiceover as a camera records him assisting his children prepare for school. Tong has a talent for sounding like he’s running for mayor of bleak Gotham before Batman

saves it once more. After four years, Lamont wants to convince us our lives are better than they were when he took office. Tong’s tone suggests you may want to spend some time considering the risks of leaving home. The contrast between Tong’s Connecticut and Lamont’s is striking — and unusual for members of the same party running on the same ticket.

I don’t mean to add to Tong’s portrait of menace, but we have seven more months of escalating campaign ads. You may want to add a couple of commercial-free streaming services to your entertainment menu. *Kevin Rennie of South Windsor is a lawyer and a former Republican state senator and representative.*

COMMENTARY

Judge Jackson? Popular. GOP senators? Not so much

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

The results are in, and it looks as though the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has been about as big a public opinion success as anything can be. No, it isn't likely to matter in November, let alone in November 2024. But for whatever it's worth, Jackson polls well — and the Republican attacks on her poll badly. Oh, and meanwhile, she has the votes to be confirmed.

Many pundits correctly predicted her confirmation. But many also said that President Joe Biden had hurt his own cause by explicitly pledging to nominate a Black woman for the Supreme Court, and that the Republican attacks during her confirmation hearings were at least potentially damaging. Indeed, some activists said that Democrats on the Judiciary Committee did too little to defend the nominee.

Now there are polls. One from Marquette Law School reports that 66% of respondents would vote to confirm Jackson, against 34% who would oppose. The

margin in a Quinnipiac University poll is slightly less favorable, with 51% to 30% in favor of confirmation. Meanwhile, those Republican attacks? Here's Quinnipiac: "Americans disapprove 52-27 percent of the way Republican Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, while 21 percent did not offer an opinion. "On the other hand, Americans approve 42-34 percent of the way Democratic Senators are handling the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, while 23 percent did not offer an opinion."

Quinnipiac has been one of the worst of the major polls for Biden's approval, suggesting it tilts a bit Republican (although the big difference here appears to be that Marquette's question forces respondents to answer one way or the other). It's also worth noting that a bit of a tilt is not of itself a sign of poor quality. Every pollster has a different method of sampling the public and adjusting for various hard-to-handle issues. Generally the best way to interpret these differences

is to look to polling averages, not single polls, and to look at the general direction of public opinion, not the specific numbers in any particular poll. A pre-hearings Gallup poll showed strong support for Jackson's confirmation, with 58% in favor and 30% opposed, so it's hard to say that the hearings changed much of anything — other than modestly helping Democratic senators and hurting Republican ones.

Republican senators who see themselves as possible presidential candidates, however, are likely far more interested in impressing the 27% who approved of their handling of the confirmation hearings than they are worried about alienating the 52% who disapproved. It's that first group which will be voting in Republican primaries in less than two years, and some of those voters will remember the senators they saw as tough on a liberal judge. It's also possible that some of those senators are running for vice president and trying to impress the audience of one watching Fox News at Mar-a-Lago.

What else motivated Republicans who claimed they would be respectful to Jack-

son and then smeared her as (at least) pedophile-friendly on extremely flimsy evidence? Vox's Ian Millhiser suggests that they were aware that such attacks could backfire, but they just couldn't help themselves. Plausible! It's also plausible that some Republican senators are so deep in the conservative echo chamber that they simply didn't see how their attacks could be seen as personal. My favorite theory is that this was all jockeying for the presidential nomination, and these Republicans weren't concerned with the effect on the general public. To be clear, this is a dynamic that also exists on the Democratic side. Just look at Texas gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke, who is currently trying to appeal to his state's swing voters while having to answer for a bunch of policy positions he took in 2020 to appeal to Democrats in Iowa and New Hampshire. Still, many Republicans seemed to sincerely believe that they had damaged Jackson. For the record? They didn't.

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Will Putin kill the global economy?



Paul Krugman

Economic commentators always reach for historical analogies, and with good reason. For example, those who had studied past banking crises had a much better grasp of what was happening in 2008

than those who hadn't. But there's always the question of which analogy to choose. Right now, many people are harking back to the stagflation of the 1970s. I've argued at some length that this is a bad parallel; our current inflation looks very different from what we saw in 1979-80, and probably much easier to end.

There are, however, good reasons to worry that we're seeing an economic replay of 1914 — the year that ended what some economists call the first wave of globalization, a vast expansion of world trade made possible by railroads, steamships and telegraph cables.

In his 1919 book "The Economic Consequences of the Peace," John Maynard Keynes — who would later teach us how to understand depressions — lamented what he saw, correctly, as the end of an era, "an extraordinary episode in the economic progress of man." On the eve of World War I, he wrote, an inhabitant of London could easily order "the various products of the whole earth, in such quantity as he might see fit, and reasonably expect their early delivery upon his doorstep."

But it was not to last, thanks to "the projects and politics of militarism and imperialism, of racial and cultural rivalries." Sound familiar?

Keynes was right to see World War I as the end of an era for the global economy. To take one clearly relevant example, in 1913 the Russian empire was a huge wheat exporter; it would be three generations before some of the former republics of the Soviet Union resumed that role. And the second wave of globalization, with its world-spanning supply chains made possible by containerization and telecommunications, didn't really get going until around 1990. So are we about to see a second deglobalization? The answer, probably, is yes. And while there were important downsides to globalization as we knew it, there will be even starker consequences if, as I and many others fear, we see a significant rollback in world trade.

Why is world trade taking a hit? Vladimir Putin's botched war of conquest has, of course, meant an end to wheat exports from Ukraine, and it probably cut off much



A serviceman walks Feb. 11 in the border base in front of Ukraine's Black Sea port of Mariupol. ALEKSEY FILIPPOV/GETTY-AFP

of Russia's sales, too. It's not entirely clear how sharply Russia's exports of oil and natural gas have already been reduced — Europe has been reluctant to impose sanctions on imports of products on which, fecklessly, it allowed itself to become dependent; but the European Union is moving to end that dependence.

Wait, there's more. You mightn't have expected Putin's war to have much of an effect on auto production. But modern cars include a lot of wiring, held in place by a specialized part called a wire harness — and many of Europe's wire harnesses, it turns out, are made in Ukraine. (Most U.S. wire harnesses are made in Mexico.)

Still, Russia's decision to turn itself into an international pariah probably wouldn't by itself be enough to drastically reduce world trade — as China, which plays a key role in many supply chains, could if it decided to turn inward.

But while China hasn't invaded anyone (yet?), there are troubles on that front, too.

Most immediately, China's COVID-19 response, which was highly successful in the pandemic's initial stages, is becoming an increasing source of economic disruption. The Chinese government still insists on using homegrown vaccines that don't work very well, and it is still responding to outbreaks with draconian lockdowns, which are causing problems not just for China but also for the rest of the world.

Beyond that, what Putin has taught us is that countries run by strongmen who surround themselves with yes-men aren't reliable business partners. A Chinese confrontation with the West, economic or military, would be wildly irrational — but so was Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Tellingly, the Ukraine war appears to have led to large-scale capital flight from ... China.

So if you're a business leader, surely you're wondering whether it's smart to stake your company's future on the assumption that you'll keep being able to buy what you need from authoritar-

ian regimes. Bringing production back to nations that believe in the rule of law may raise your costs by a few percent, but the price may be worth it for the stability it buys.

If we are about to see a partial retreat from globalization, will that be a bad thing? Wealthy, advanced economies will end up only slightly poorer than they would have been otherwise; Britain managed to keep growing despite the decline in world trade after 1913. But I'm worried about the impact on nations that have made progress in recent decades but would be desperately poor without access to world markets.

Unfortunately, we're relearning the lessons of World War I: The benefits of globalization are always at risk from the threat of war and the whims of dictators. To make the world durably richer, we need to make it safer.

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FDA shouldn't approve ALS drug until more data is collected

By Lisa Jarvis
Bloomberg Opinion

A panel of the Food and Drug Administration's expert advisers on Wednesday voted 6 to 4 against approving Amylyx Pharmaceuticals' treatment for ALS. The FDA now has until June 29 to decide whether to follow the panel's advice or let the closely watched drug on to the market.

Amylyx's drug made headlines in 2020 after data from a small phase 2 study suggested it extended the lives of ALS patients a few months and slowed the disease's progression by about 25%. The FDA asked for a larger phase 3 trial to confirm those results but reversed course last year and said it would consider approval based on that smaller study. Its advisers were not convinced the existing data are strong enough.

People with ALS are in desperate need of new and better treatments for the fatal neurodegenerative disease. But it doesn't help if they don't work. The agency should follow the panel's advice and wait for more data from that larger trial.

ALS is unforgiving in the speed and certainty with which it kills. People live on average two to five years after their initial diagnosis and in that time lose their ability to walk, eat and eventually breathe. Amylyx's drug combines two ingredients,

sodium phenylbutyrate and taurursodiol, that the company contends act in concert to protect against neuron death.

During the open public hearing section of the FDA meeting, people with ALS and their caregivers gave emotional testimonies that made clear the community is willing to tolerate significant risk for even small advances in treatment. Having more time to live independently, or even just a few extra months with family, are truly meaningful outcomes. The problem is the drug might not actually buy any extra time. In its presentation, the FDA's experts narrowed in on a range of issues with Amylyx's study, including the small size of the trial, the possibility that patients could tell whether they were receiving the drug or placebo, the high percentage of participants in the drug portion who dropped out and the company's definition of "death," which included hospitalizations and tracheotomies in addition to actual deaths.

When the benefit is murky and the need is as great as it is with ALS, clinicians and statisticians wade deep into the data weeds for something real to pull out. Finding a signal of efficacy in neurodegenerative diseases can be particularly tricky because the disease progresses differently in different people, and doctors often can't predict which group a newly diagnosed patient will fall into. That heterogeneity makes it

difficult to assess a drug's value unless, of course, it is extremely effective.

Sadly, few neuroscience drugs turn out to be unambiguously successful. And the ALS community has seen time and again treatments that look promising in phase 2 but go on to fail in larger studies.

In the case of Amylyx's drug, the trial was designed well, but its small size and the variability in the disease's progression had the potential to create the illusion of a benefit. Everyone wants expanded treatment options, and everyone wants patients and their families to have hope. But approving drugs without solid evidence of their benefit can harm patient communities in the long run.

There's the obvious risk of people taking expensive treatments with little or no effect — and the potential for those costs to be borne by patients because insurers balk at the questionable data. And the approval can create blowback that pushes the FDA in one of two directions, neither of them good: It can lower the regulatory bar, potentially allowing treatments with even shakier data onto the market; or it can raise the bar, potentially slowing the development of better drugs.

Amylyx, whose share price has been cut nearly in half over the last week after indications that the panel's vote would not go its way, has already begun a larger Phase 3

study of its drug. Amylyx executives said on Wednesday that some 150 people have signed up for the study, which will eventually include 600 patients and should be completed late next year.

Until Amylyx has results from the larger trial, people with ALS have options. Sodium phenylbutyrate is approved to treat urea cycle disorders, so doctors can prescribe it off label, though it is costly and insurance companies might not cover it. Taurursodiol, meanwhile, can be ordered from Amazon or Walmart — in fact, this is what many patients are already doing. ALS advocates rightly note that the quality and dosage of supplements purchased online is always suspect.

And in late 2021, a bill was enacted allowing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants so that patients not eligible for ALS studies can gain access to experimental drugs. Amylyx has also launched an expanded access program for that group that doesn't qualify for clinical trials. These options are imperfect. But they provide a reasonable stopgap while more data is collected — data that can both assure patients they are getting a worthwhile drug and preserve the FDA's integrity.

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Claire Rankin as Cynthia Murphy and Jessica Sherman as Heidi Hansen, in the tour of "Dear Evan Hansen" at The Bushnell through Sunday. MATTHEW MURPHY/HARTFORD COURANT

REVIEW

'Dear Evan Hansen' finds hope amid teen angst

Show's brilliance is in shining a light on emotional problems, insecurities

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

A self-described loser becomes a fleeting voice of hope and comfort for his generation in "Dear Evan Hansen." But the show's brilliance is not in showing how the kid gains confidence but in shining a light on deep emotional problems and insecurities that persist in him, and which exist in so many young people today.

The first national tour of the Broadway hit is at The Bushnell through Sunday.

When a tragedy befalls the school misfit Connor Murphy (described by his class-

mates as "weird" and "tough"), Evan Hansen — who's had minimal and not very positive contact with Connor — is mistakenly thought to be the troubled boy's best friend. Evan, who has his own social issues, lets the lie grow, then willingly feeds it. Ultimately this insecure, withdrawn kid dupes the entire Murphy family, one of his only friends, his school and the Internet. Only Evan's mother, who's depicted as overworked and inattentive, is somewhat skeptical.

The musical lets you watch Evan's little lies snowball into a global viral deception by constantly reminding you of the big old

World Wide Web out there. Before the show begins, we are treated to the bleeps and bleeps and fleeting images of random text messages. Evan's main confidant Jared (who'll only go so far as to call himself a "family friend" of the hero) is one of those stock young-tech-wiz characters who can create untraceable computer accounts and backdate fake emails without breaking a sweat.

"Dear Evan Hansen" takes place in a hyperdriven world, but this is a personal story lived by a handful of close-knit char-

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Marsha Mason brings 'Lost in Yonkers' to Hartford Stage

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Marsha Mason's leading a revival of interest in the works of her ex-husband Neil Simon, including at a theater that's never staged any of his plays before.

"Lost in Yonkers," the semi-autobiographical drama which won Simon a Pulitzer Prize in 1991, is at Hartford Stage April 7 through May 1. Mason is not only playing the sourpuss matriarch known only as Grandma in the show, she is directing it (with Hartford Stage Associate Artist Rachel Alderman as her co-director).

The play is about the Kurnitz family, living in Brooklyn in 1942. After their mother dies and their traveling-salesman dad has to travel, their sons Jay and Arty are sent to live with their curt, stern

grandmother and their "crazy Aunt" Bella, who is suffering from a mental illness. The boys' boredom and anxiety is offset by a visit from their Uncle Louie, a low-level hoodlum who is on the run after stealing from a mobster named Hollywood Harry.

The play mixes broad comedy with themes of surviving as a family in uncertain times.

A legacy reset

When the regional theater movement began in the 1960s, it wanted to be an alternative to Broadway and mainstream theater, offering new works or revivals of lost classics and strenuously avoiding the most popular commercial successes of the time.

That meant bypassing Neil Simon, whose reign over Broad-



Marsha Mason is both starring in and co-directing a new production of "Lost in Yonkers" for Hartford Stage. HARTFORD STAGE

way lasted half a century, including dozens of hits plus having a Broadway theater named in his honor.

There's never been a Neil Simon play done at the Yale Repertory Theatre, or the Long Wharf Theatre or, until now, at Hartford Stage. Simon was the most produced playwright at the Westport Country Playhouse when it was a summer stock house, but outside of a reading of

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Connecticut museums, galleries offer exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "North America Divided," which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre scenes with works by contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March 2023. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in

America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11, 2023. "The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society" is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "Teeter/Totter Ken Morgan Peter Waite" is up until April 17. "Battlegrounds Elizabeth Flood" is up until June 12. realartways.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: CWA Connecticut Women Artists' annual members' juried show will be up to April 29. ctwomenartists.org. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street

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provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Athenueum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenueum is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Athenueum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation will be on permanent display. neam.org.

Mercy Gallery at Loomis Chaffee School, 4 Batchelder Road in Windsor: Artwork by Melanie Carr is on view through April 10. loomischaffee.org/arts/mercy-gallery.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: "In the Spirit of Trust" is up until June 19. monasterygallery.art.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Inspiration: Blank Canvas Show 2022" will be up to April 20. workspacemanchester.com.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: ""Vex the Ending," a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@my.etheWalker.org.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield, presents work by Roger Duffy until April 30. suffield-library.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: "Members Annual Juried Exhibit," juried by Camilla Cook, is March 31 to May 1. westhartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: "Invisible Suffering: The Art of Diana Aldrete" is up to April 14. charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: A ceramics show, and "In Bloom: Buds and Blossoms" are up to April 30. artsfvac.org.

Barnes-Franklin Gallery at Tunxis Community College, 271 Scott Swamp Road in Farmington: "John Tsu: Images in Water" is up until April 5. tunxis.edu/campus-resources/barnes-franklin-gallery/

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "Words in Clay, Words on Paper: James Finnegan & Michelle Cotugno" is up to April 23. hplct.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Second Layer: Conversations Through Canvas by B.D. Stellmacher" will be up to April 23. windsorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Athenueum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188" is up to May 1. "Milton Avery" will be up to June 5. "Edward Russell Thaxter: Love's First Dream" is up to July 3. thewadsworth.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "Four Works by Ann



Hagaman Memorial Library in East Haven, will present "Shimmering Water & Seascapes: Photography by Victoria Navin." **VICTORIA NAVIN**

McCoy" is up to May 28. usjedu/arts/art-museum.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: "Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M." will be up to May 23. spsact.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: A member/guest exhibit and solo shows by Justine Ickes and Rob Loebell are up to April 16. galleryonthegreen.org.

Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Work by Berrisford Boothe will be up fto April 29. manchestercc.edu.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: Senior Thesis Exhibitions are up until April 24. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People's Republic of China" is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Ashlawn Farm Coffee, 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook: Digital artworks by Christian Rosstad will be on view to April 10. www.eyemazenart.com.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Animals and People in the Landscape" will be up until May 8. spectrumartgallery.org.

Ben Parker Studio, 1 North Main St. in Essex: "Sip and Stare," an exhibit that pairs artwork with flavors, will be up until April 29. A wine event is April 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. A coffee event is April 9 from noon to 2 p.m. A spirits event is April 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. A beer event is April 28 form 6 to 8 p.m. brdparker.com/sip-and-stare.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Deborah Brown: The Shadow Paintings, Four Seasons" is up from April 2 to May 21. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Quite an Eyeful," works by artists who focus on eyes, is up until May 8. Artists include Julie Cockburn, Alice Neel, David Shrigley, Chris Levine, Tony Oursler, Mickalene Thomas and Alex Prager. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Unexpected Windows: New Paintings by Elizabeth Gourlay" is up from April 9 to May 15. kbfa.com.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 6 North Main St. in Kent: "The Watercolors of Charles E. Burchfield and John Marin: Masters of the American Medium" and "At Water's Edge: Works by Dozier Bell, Lisa Lebofsky, James Mullen and Eileen Murphy" will be up to April 24. carolcorefineart.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Robert Cronin: Recent Paintings" is up to May 6. huntlibrary.org.

Five Points Annex, 17 Water St. in Torrington: "Personaland," with art by Florin Firimita, Cyd Gorman, Norell Gudaitis, Salvatore Gulino, Eric Hammer, John Johnson,

MaryPat Leger, Victor Leger, Jose Martinez, Fran Patnaude, Paul Sakren, Gay Schempp, Stewart Wilson and Michael Yurges, will be on view to April 10. fivepointsarts.org.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Portraits in Red: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project," with work by Nayana LaFond, and "Native Voices," with work by Justin Beatty, Nate Begay, Patrick Collins, Jason Montgomery and Rebekah Jarvey, will both be up to May 7. fivepointsarts.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look" and "Recent Acquisitions" are up until June 26. "Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power" is up until July 10. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction" is up until July 24. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, will be up to April 16. artspace-nh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: "Let Them Roam Freely," work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Buley Gallery at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent St. in New Haven: "Salvador Dali Illustrates The Divine Comedy" is up to April 7. south-ernct.edu.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: "Twisted Visions," a show of abstract art, is up up from April 9 to 28. gallery53.org.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: "Weld-Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld" is on view. portal.ct.gov/ECD-Henry-WhitfieldStateMuseum.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are on view. newhaven-museum.org.

Hamden Senior Center in the Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Ave.: Hamden Art League's annual Goldenbells exhibit will be up until May 17. hamdenartleague.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "The Village Project," work by Denise Minnerly and Don Bracken, is up until May 8. "Two for the Road: Ernest Roth and André Smith in Europe" is up to May 15. mattmuseum.org.

Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull St. in New Haven: Undercurrents," a group show curated by Kristina Newman-Scott, is up to April 24. Artists are Richard Bottwin, Joy Bush, Robert Carley, Jeremy Chandler, Alexandra Chiou, Zoe Cohen, Rima Day,

Brooks Dierdorff, Christina Dietz, Daniella Dooling, Scott Glaser, Priya N. Green, Laurence Elle Groux, Clymenza Hawkins, Steven Holmes, Katie Hovencamp, Ruth Jeyaveeran, Laura Kern, Colleen Kiely, Zofie King, Susan Knight, Elizabeth Knowles, Cindy Konits, Terrence Lavin, K'La Lawson, Suzanne Levy, Crystal Marshall, Melinda McDaniel, Melissa Sutherland Moss, Sarah Nance, David Van Ness, Caleb Portfolio, Sarah Schneiderman, Sarah Sipling, Yuli Sung, Mami Takahashi, Kelsey Tynik, Anthony Warnick, Elizabeth West, Marjorie Wolfe, Shiqi Wu, Yichen Zhou and Despina Zografos elycenter.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Expansion: Amanda Walker & Matthew Garrett" is up to April 17. kehlerrliddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Spring into Art" will be to April 15. Artists include Kathy Anderson, Patt Baldino, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Stephanie Birdsall, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Lisa Gloria, Tom Glover, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, James Magnier, Leonard Mizerek, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "6x6: An Invitational," with work by Rick Albee of Guilford, Judy Atlas of Milford, William Frucht of Danbury, Joyce Greenfield of New Haven, Abbie Griffiths of New Haven, Sheila Kaczmarek of Guilford, Kathy Kane of East Haven, Esthea Kim of New Haven, Lenny Moskowitz of New Haven, Gary Recchia of Guilford, Ruth Sack of Cheshire, and Ellen Burnett of Weehawken, New Jersey, is to May 1. city-gallery.org.

Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 E. Main St. in East Haven, will present "Shimmering Water & Seascapes: Photography by Victoria Navin" until April 30. hagamanlibrary.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "The Crossing," a juried group show, is up to April 8. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "Quilt National '21" is up to April 17. "More than Hot Type," a printmaking exhibit, is up to May 29. mystic-museumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825" is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Sandra Jeknavorian: Between Realms" is to April 30. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions" is up to April 24. "Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham" is on view through April 10. "Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers," is up to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "An Exhibition in Four Acts 1: Poetry of Motion 2: Black and White 3: Renewal: Visions of Spring 4: Wanderlust" is up to April 7. lyneartassociation.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Milano Chow: Prima Facie," "Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes

the Sunset Better" and "Karla Knight: Navigator" are up until May 8. "Amaryllis DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces" is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Greenwich Art Society, 299 Greenwich Ave.: 105th Annual Open Juried Exhibition, curated by Brinda Kumar, will be up from April 5 to May 5. greenwichartsociety.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: Silvermine Instructors Exhibition is up until April 14. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land" is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Print-making in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" is up until April 17. centerprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: Scratching the Surface: David Haislip" is up until May 27. stillrivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave.: "Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizbeth Mitty and Erika Raneec" is up to April 30. hollis-taggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: "Artifacts," a still life exhibit, is up until May 1. loftartists.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility" is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. "13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver's Connecticut Photographs" will be up until June 18. fairfield.edu/museum.

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "Punk is Coming," with work by Merrill Aldighieri, Amy Arbus, Emily Armstrong, William Badgley, Alex Bag, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Roberta Bayley, Janette Beckman, Celeste Bell, Richard Butler, Beth Collar, Jayne County, Jim Fields, Jill Furmanovsky, Danny Garcia, Richard Hambleton, Duncan Hannah, Tony Hope, Pat Ivers, David Johansen, Kevin Kerslake, Cindy Hudson Kral, Lynette Bean Kral, Ivan Kral, Helmut Lang, Jenny Lens, Linder, Judy Linn, John Lydon, Robert Mapplethorpe, Hans Neleman, Fabrika Ouch, Lisa Jane Persky, Thebe Phetogo, Amos Poe, Eileen Polk, Richard Prince, Dee Dee Ramone, Ruby Ray, Jamie Reid, Marcia Resnick, Ebet Roberts, Sheila Rock, Sue Rynski, Donna Santisi, Marian Schwindeman, Steven Sebring, Kate Simon, Penny Slinger, Patti Smith, Paul Sng, Julien Temple, Gail Thacker, Arturo Vega and Sally Webster, is up until June 5. mocawestport.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India" is up until July 31. benton.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes" is on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits.

Saxton B. Little Free Library, 319 Route 87 in Columbia: Artwork by Helen Cantrell is on show until May 31. columbiactlibrary.org.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: "Still Lives and the Legacy of Charles Ethan Porter" will be up to April 30. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until to April 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

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acters.

The musical deals pretty casually, though not recklessly, with such weighty topics as teen suicide, anxiety disorder, depression, grief and dysfunctional families.

But as somber and serious as the story (scripted by Steven Levenson) gets, it regularly resets its mood with expressions of hope and understanding. "Dear Evan Hansen" will make you think of downbeat Broadway fare like "Next to Normal" yet it also has a surprising amount in common with "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," or all those Disney Channel movies where kids tell outrageous lies in order to be popular.

The national tour now finally at The Bushnell was originally due to hit Hartford two years ago.

There've been cast changes, the show settled into a smooth-running machine and the shiny excitement of when it was newer (and before the film version of it was released) has dissipated. But "Dear Evan Hansen" remains a classy piece of modern musical theater which comes off as much grander than it actually is.

A mere eight-person cast manages to make you feel that you're visiting a full school or a bustling family home. The action is focused by small stages that whisk in and out and by a brilliant lighting design (by Japhy Weideman) where every major thought or action a character has is illuminated by a spotlight. It works not just as a way to focus our attention in a show without detailed backdrops, but also to underscore that common teen dilemma of feeling that you are constantly on public display, and constantly messing up

in front of the whole world.

The songs — by Benj Pasek and Connecticut's own Justin Paul are played by an octet in a small balcony overlooking the stage. It's basically a four-piece band gorgeously augmented with a violin, viola and cello. Many of the numbers, like "Good for You," start with folky pop chords then morph into sweet ballads with soaring vocals. That's when the classical instruments go to work. In Evan's big confessional workout "Words Fail," the strings make all the difference, as they do on the big first-act closer "You Will Be Found."

For the show's first Bushnell performance on Tuesday night, Evan Hansen was played by Sam Primack, who has usually been playing the role only for Saturday matinees and Sunday evenings on the tour. (The main Evan is Stephen Christopher Anthony.) Primack has a true command of

this hard-to-play character, who must own the stage and sing like an angel while also playing a credibly soft-spoken, unconfident, self-doubting, passive and meek boy who's barely a blip on the radar of those around him. As Connor's sister Zoe, with whom Evan starts a tentative relationship, Stephanie La Rochelle captures that teen spirit of beauty without attitude, assertive yet vulnerable. As Evan's school chums Alana and Jared, Ciara Alyse Harris and a rather old-looking Alessandro Costantini take high school geek stereotypes and manage to inject some freshness.

"Dear Evan Hansen" is mainly a tale of teen angst, but parents are key to how the plot — and Evan's self-worth — develops. As Evan's mom Heidi, Jessica E. Sherman is believably ruffled and on edge, exuding worried motherhood all the while. As Connor and Zoe's parents Larry and Cynthia, John

Hemphill and Claire Rankin have the tricky task of demonstrating not that they are a united couple but an unsettled, fractious one.

For now, this week at The Bushnell, "Dear Evan Hansen" is maintaining the same charm, emotional grit and shocking twists that endeared it to Broadway in the first place. Even the social media technology aspects haven't gotten dated yet. And certainly the theme of teens feeling unloved and unwanted will never die.

"Dear Evan Hansen" runs Tuesday through April 3 at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. \$45-\$200. bushnell.org.

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ARTS PICKS FOR APRIL 3-9

Diana Krall, the HSO and lots of comedy

By Christopher Arnott
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Tributes abound for things to do in the arts scene the week of April 3 to 9. Diana Krall's latest album honors her longtime producer, actor and comedian Roger Kabler presents a long-form impersonation of Robin Williams, and Marsha Mason revives interest in "Lost in Yonkers," the 1991 comedy/drama by her late ex-husband Neil Simon.

Dreamcatcher

Eclectic L.A.-based jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour performs April 3 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford. \$39 - \$59. infinityhall.com.

'Next to Normal'

"Next to Normal" is about a family sharing their struggles with clinical depression, grief and catastrophic changes in their lives. The acclaimed musical, with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, is at Westport Country Playhouse, 25 Powers Court, Westport from April 5-24. Marcos Santana, who helmed "In the Heights" for the playhouse in 2019, serves as both director and choreographer. Performances are Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m., plus 2 p.m. matinees on

April 13 and 20. \$35-\$70. westportplayhouse.org.

Krall at The Bushnell

The intoxicating jazz singer and pianist Diana Krall plays at one of the best concert halls in the state, The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, on April 6 at 8 p.m. Her most recent album is a tribute to her producer Tommy LiPuma, who died in 2017, and includes stirring versions of such standards as "Don't Smoke in Bed," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and Bob Dylan's "This Dream of You." \$69-\$146. bushnell.org.

Mason's Simon

Four-time Oscar nominee Marsha Mason is co-directing and starring in her late ex-husband Neil Simon's Pulitzer-winning drama "Lost in Yonkers" April 7 through May 1 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St., Hartford. The play is about boys sent to live with their domineering grandma (played by Mason) in 1940s Brooklyn. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at, with added matinees \$30-\$100. hartfordstage.org.

'Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga'

The band Spoon formed

in 1993 in one of the coolest music cities of that era — Austin, Texas — and was one of the defining indie bands of the late '90s and early '00s, with such relatable songs as "The Way We Get By," "The Underdog" and "Everything Hits at Once." Spoon has stayed together, released its 10th album "Lucifer on the Sofa" earlier this year and is at College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven on April 8. Margaret Glaspy opens the 8 p.m. show. \$35-\$49.50. collegestreet-musichall.com.

Tony Woods at the Funny Bone

Black comedy legend Tony Woods, a founding member of both Def Comedy Jam and Bad Boys of Comedy and an acknowledged mentor of Dave Chappelle, has three shows at the Funny Bone Comedy Club, 194 Buckland Hills Drive Suite #1054, Manchester, April 8 at 7:45 and April 9 at 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$24. hartford.funnybone.com.

Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky

There are just two pieces on the program for the latest Masterworks concert by the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, April 8 to 10 at The Bushnell's Belding Theater, 166 Capitol



Diana Krall will perform April 6 at The Bushnell in Hartford. **CLAUDE PARIS/AP**

Ave., Hartford: Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op. 30; and Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64, TH 29. The guest piano soloist is Henry Kramer. HSO Music Director Carolyn Kuan conducts. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. \$38-\$72. hartfordsymphony.org.

'The King's Jester'

Hasan Minhaj is a comedian, actor and comedy news star who shifted from "Daily Show" duties to 40 episodes of his own show "Patriot Act" from 2017-

20 on Netflix. Minhaj is at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. \$39.50-\$94.50. mohegansun.com.

OK, boomer

The off-Broadway hit "The Boomer Boys Musical" by Billy Van Zandt, Jane Milmore and Wayland Pickard is a comic exploration of the male art of growing old ungracefully, featuring songs such as "His Prostate is the Size of a Buick," "My God I Am My Father" and "The Colonoscopy Rap." A tour of the show is at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, April 9 at 8 p.m.

ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Robin Williams lives on

Roger Kabler's one-man show "Robin, The Ultimate Robin Williams Tribute Experience" honors the hyperactive comedy legend with a feature-length impersonation, followed by an audience Q&A with the doubtless exhausted Kabler. April 9 at 8 p.m. at Seven Angels Theatre, 1 Plank Road, Waterbury. \$35. sevenangelstheatre.org.

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"Chapter Two" in 2011 they haven't done Neil Simon there since the playhouse was reborn in 2005.

Connecticut nevertheless forms a major part of Simon's legacy, since he thought of the Shubert in New Haven as his lucky theater for out-of-town pre-Broadway tryouts. From "The Star Spangled Girl" in 1966 to "Proposals" in 1997, Simon had nine plays premiere in New Haven. This includes "Plaza Suite," the 1968 set of connected one-acts that has just been revived on Broadway this month starring Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker. Other shows that Neil Simon tinkered on in New Haven included "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" in 1969, "The Gingerbread Lady" in 1970, both "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" and "The Sunshine Boys" in 1971 and "God's Favorite" in 1974.

And just about every Neil Simon play — not to mention his musicals, among them "Sweet Charity" and "Promises, Promises" — has visited Connecticut on tour. "The Odd Couple" alone has toured with all-star casts to The Bushnell, the Shubert, Ivoryton Playhouse, SCSU's Lyman Hall and elsewhere in the state over the last 60 years.

Then there are Connecticut's hardy small theaters and community theaters, keeping Simon's name alive. The Suffield Players will be doing "Rumors," which has been a community theater staple, in October.

Marsha Mason, who was married to Simon from 1973 to 1983, has embarked on her own mission to keep his name and legacy alive. She first met the playwright in 1973 when she was in the cast of his "The Good Doctor" (one of several Simon plays that evoke the great Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov). Their relationship inspired Simon's play "Chapter Two." Mason received an Oscar nomination for the film version of "Chapter Two," and was also nominated for her roles in two other Simon-penned films, "The Goodbye Girl" and "Only When I Laugh." She was also in the less revered Neil Simon movies "The Cheap Detective" (a sequel of sorts to his mystery parody "Murder by Death" and "Max Dugan Returns" and a TV version of "The Good Doctor."

Hartford Stage's "Lost in Yonkers" was originally meant to be a co-production between Hartford Stage and the Two River Theater in Red Bank, New Jersey. Two River's artistic director John Dias had originated the project, then brought in Hartford Stage. Then COVID happened, followed by Dias leaving Two River.

Hartford Stage's artistic director Melia Bensussen decided to go ahead with "Lost in Yonders" without another theater co-producing. "I have enormous respect for her for doing that," Mason says. "I've been wanting to do 'Lost in Yonkers' for a while. I really wanted to direct it and play it." The last Neil Simon play Mason directed was "Chapter Two" for the Bucks County Playhouse eight years ago.

"Lost in Yonkers" is considered to be on a different plane than a lot of Simon's plays. It's one of a series of plays he wrote in the 1980s and '90s inspired by his childhood in New York City in the 1940s. Simon's main three autobiographical plays are "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound," collectively known as "the Eugene Trilogy."

"Lost in Yonkers" not only won a Pulitzer in 1991 but the Tony Award for Best Play. It was a memorable Tony Awards ceremony because Simon's win was inadvertently blurted out early by Anthony Quinn who was supposed to be announcing the Best Musical winner. When Simon won for real 20 minutes later, he brought the house down by remarking "I was in the men's room when Tony Quinn was on. Did I miss anything?"

Mason remembers

"Lost in Yonkers" is part of Mason's emphatic return to live performance. "I literally sold the farm" — a 250-acre spread in New Mexico where she lived for 20 years — "and came back East to do theater," she says. She's been seen at New York's Irish Repertory Theatre in Elaine Murphy's "Little Gem," "Watch on the Rhine" at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., and on the West Coast in Shaw's "Arms and the Man" at the Old Globe in San Diego.

She's also been seen recently on TV sitcoms, playing Arlene in "Grace and Frankie" and Pat Spence in "The Middle."

As for her collabora-

tions with her late ex-husband, "Neil used to say 'I don't think Marsha is right for my plays,'" Mason says. "Then we wound up doing [a 1999 London revival of] 'The Prisoner of Second Avenue' and he said 'You're perfect.'"

"Lost in Yonkers" has plenty of laughs, and the hope-filled feeling of a family overcoming adversity. But it also has tragic elements, the classical sort of tragedy where the mighty fall, people are forced to live with the consequences of their actions, dreams are deferred and insurmountable challenges appear. Mason has some tragedies on her resume, notably playing the title in Frank McGuinness' adaptation of Euripides' "Hecuba" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. One great tragic role has eluded her: "I always wanted to play Amanda" in Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," she says. Mason has a vision of "Lost in Yonkers" that's darker and more dramatic than the 1993 film version, directed by Martha Coolidge with Irene Worth (who originated the role on Broadway) as Grandma. Mason calls the film "kind of light," and feels it was "shot with the Neil Simon brand of comedy." She sees nuances in the script that don't come out in the film. With its themes of immigration and social change, she also sees "Lost in Yonkers" as "quite prescient."

In his later work, Mason feels Simon "ripened and matured and went in a different direction."

Simon and Mason divorced in 1983 but continued to work together. "He wanted to be married to someone who could be there 24/7. He wanted something else, but we always had a fabulous professional relationship." She remembers when doing that "Prisoner of Second Avenue" in London "he came to rehearsals and we held hands. We managed to work and live together with enormous respect and adoration."

She recalls that "Neil consistently wrote every day," describing his organized days of writing all morning, breaking for lunch or a game of tennis, then writing all afternoon. "He was always busy with something. He had a drawer filled with things he was working on."

Had she ever envisioned herself playing Grandma? "Yeah, when the time came. Time passes. I'm always

looking for something to challenge me."

"Lost in Yonkers" is based on a phase of Neil Simon's life that happened decades before he knew Mason, but that doesn't mean she doesn't have a connection to it. "I knew his mother and some of his relatives. He dug deep into his past to write about what is the cost of survival. How

can they survive if they act vulnerable?" She says the boys in the play, based on Simon and his brother Danny (who also became a successful comedy writer as an adult) are "witnesses" to the ongoing struggles of the older generation. Also, she notes from personal observation, "there's a little bit of Neil in almost all his characters."

"Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon, directed by and starring Marsha Mason, runs April 7 through May 1 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St., Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at , with added matinees \$30-\$100. hartfordstage.org.

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A “Bridgerton”-themed tea at the Lanesborough London hotel. TV-themed itineraries are on the rise, taking travelers on adventures with familiar shows. THE LANESBOROUGH

‘Screen tourism’ goes big

As virus rules ease, travelers are eager to go on TV-themed trips

By Debra Kamin
The New York Times

With 70% of Americans watching more TV in 2021 than they did in 2020, binge-watching has skyrocketed during the pandemic. Now, as borders reopen, restrictions ease and travel restarts, tour advisers are fielding an increasingly popular request: immersive, TV-themed itineraries that allow travelers to live out their favorite shows’ story lines.

In Britain, where all travel restrictions are now lifted, hotels in London have partnered with Netflix to offer Lady Whistledown-themed teas inspired by “Bridgerton” high society. In Yellowstone National Park, travelers are arriving in Wyoming not for a glimpse of Old Faithful, but for a chance to cosplay as John Dutton from the hit drama “Yellowstone.”

And in South Korea, where vaccinated travelers can now enter without quarantine, street food vendors on Jeju Island are anticipating a run on dalgona candy, the honeycomb toffees that played

a central role in “Squid Game.”

“When you fall in love with a character, you can’t get it out of your mind,” said Antonina Pattiz, 30, a blogger who last year got hooked on “Outlander,” the steamy, time-traveling drama about Claire Beauchamp, a nurse transported 200 years back in history. Pattiz and her husband, William, binge-watched the Starz show together, and are now planning an “Outlander”-themed trip to Scotland in May to visit sites from the show, including Midhope Castle, which stands in as Lallybroch, the family home of another character, Jamie Fraser.

William Pattiz is part Scottish, Antonina Pattiz said, and their joint interest in the show kicked off a desire on his part to explore his roots.

The fifth season of “Outlander” was available in February 2020, and Starz’s 142% increase in new subscribers early in the pandemic has been largely attributed to a jump in locked-down viewers discovering the show. During the ensuing two-year hiatus before season six recently hit screens — a

period of time known by fans as “Droughtlander” — “Outlander”-related attractions in Scotland, like Glencoe, which appears in the show’s opening credits and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, saw more than 1.7 million visitors. “Outlander”-related content on Visit Scotland’s website generated more than 350,000 page views.

The Pattizes, who live in New York City, will follow a 12-day self-driving sample itinerary provided by Visit Scotland, winding from Edinburgh to Fife to Glasgow as they visit castles and gardens where Claire fell in love and Jamie’s comrades died in battle.

Enduring trend, new intensity

Screen tourism, which encompasses not just pilgrimages to filming locations but also studio tours and visits to amusement parks like The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, is an enduring trend. Tourists flocked to Salzburg in the 1960s after the release of “The Sound of Music”; in recent decades, locations like New Zealand saw a huge bump in visits from “Lord of the Rings” fans and bus tours in New York City have offered tourists a chance to go on location of “Sex and the City”

and “The Marvelous Ms. Maisel.”

But in this pandemic moment, where travel has for months been synonymous with danger and tourists are navigating conflicting desires to safeguard their health while also making up for squandered time, screen tourism is taking on a new intensity, said Rachel Kazez, a Chicago-based mental health therapist. She has clients eager to travel — another major trend for 2022 is “going big” — but they are looking for ways to tamp down the anxiety that may accompany those super-sized ambitions.

She said her patients increasingly are saying “I was cooped up for a year and I just want to go nuts. Let’s do whatever fantasy we’ve been thinking about.”

Sensing a new desire among guests to tap into the scripted universe, dozens of hotels over the past year have rolled out themed suites inspired by popular shows. Graduate Hotels has a “Stranger Things”-themed suite at its Bloomington, Indiana, location. A blinking alphabet of Christmas lights and Eleven’s favorite Eggo waffles are included. And in December, Club Wyndham teamed up with the Hallmark Channel to

design three “Countdown to Christmas”-themed suites where guests could check in and binge Christmas films.

“It was the first time we’d done anything like this,” said Lara Richardson, chief marketing officer for Crown Media Family Networks, in an email. “One thing we hear over and over from viewers is that, as much they love our products, they want to step inside a ‘Countdown to Christmas’ movie.”

Vacation homes are also going immersive. For families, Airbnb partnered with BBC to list the Heeler House, a real-world incarnation of the animated home on the beloved animated series “Bluey,” and Vrbo has 10 rental homes inspired by “Yes Day,” the 2021 Netflix film about parents who remove “no” from their vocabulary. Celebrities are jumping in, too: Issa Rae, creator and star of HBO’s “Insecure,” offered an exclusive look at her neighborhood in South Los Angeles in February with a special Airbnb listing, at a rock-bottom price of \$56.

Tea on TV, now in London (and Boston)

“Bridgerton,” Netflix’s British period drama about family, love and savage gossip, was streamed by 82

million households in 2021. (For comparison, the finale of “Breaking Bad” in 2013 had 10.3 million viewers; more recent streaming hits, including “Tiger King” and “Maid,” had fewer than 70 million).

When season two of “Bridgerton” premiered, Beaverbrook Town House, a hotel built across two Georgian town houses in London’s Chelsea, offered a “Bridgerton” experience that includes a day out in London and drinks in the British countryside; nearby at the Lanesborough, a Bridgerton-themed tea, cheekily dubbed “the social event of the season,” will kick off the same day. In Boston, the Fairmont Copley Plaza now has a “High Society Package” for fans with flowers and a private afternoon tea.

Contiki, the group travel company for 18- to 35-year-olds, had a “Bridgerton”-themed itinerary set for September 2021 but had to scrap it when the delta variant hit; they’ve now partnered with Amazon Prime on a Hawaiian Islands trip inspired by “I Know What You Did Last Summer” set for July.

Both Netflix and Amazon Prime have brand partnership teams that handle collaborations of this nature.

Malta continues to grow as culinary destination

By Theresa Norton
TravelPulse

The new Michelin Guide Malta 2022 lists 30 restaurants in the Mediterranean archipelago, further establishing the island-nation as a destination for culinary travelers.

The latest guide adds a fourth Bib Gourmand restaurant, which are known for great quality food at good value prices. The latest is Grain Street in Valletta. The other Bib

Gourmand restaurants are Terrone, Birgu; Rubino, Valletta; and Commando in Mellieħa.

Five restaurants retained their one-star Michelin status — Under Grain, Valletta; Nomi, Valletta; ION — The Harbour, Valletta; De Mondion, Mdina; and Bahia, Balzan.

Located in the heart of the Mediterranean, Malta is establishing itself as a gastronomic destination that serves up a wide range of dishes influenced by

the many civilizations that made these islands their home.

“Thanks to the increasing optimism surrounding COVID-19, many people are starting to think about travel and holidays once again,” said Gwendal Poullennec, international director of the Michelin Guides. “The beautiful islands of Malta and Gozo should be on everyone’s list. Five Michelin Stars, four Bib Gourmands and 21 recommended restaurants mean

there is plenty of choice when it comes to eating out.

“All 30 restaurants recommended to our readers are varied and individual and reflect the very best that the islands offer,” Poullennec said. “Some are traditional, others are contemporary — and thus they truly represent the two sides of Malta.”

The full 2022 selection for Malta is available on the Michelin Guide app, free on iOS and Android.



An aerial view of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and St. Paul’s Cathedral in Valletta, Malta. DREAMSTIME

High life and devotion on Bay of Kotor



Rick Steves

Leaving Mostar, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I drive south to yet another nation that emerged newly independent from the ashes of Yugoslavia: Montenegro. During my travels through this region, my punch-drunk passport has been stamped, stamped, and stamped again. While the unification of Europe has made most border crossings feel archaic, here the breakup of Yugoslavia has kept them in vogue. Every time the country splintered, another border was drawn. The poorer the country, it seems, the more ornate the border formalities. By European standards, Montenegro is about as poor as it gets. They don't even have their own currency. With just 600,000 people, they decided, "Heck, let's just use euros."

For me, Montenegro, whose name means "Black Mountain," has always evoked the fratricidal chaos of a bygone age. I think of a time when fathers in the Balkans taught their sons that "your neighbor's neighbor is your friend" in anticipation of future sectarian struggles. Back then, for generation after generation, So-and-so was pounding on So-and-so, so a secure mountain stronghold like this was worth all of that misery.

A recent visit showed me that this image is now dated. The country is on an upward trajectory. Many expect to see Montenegro emerge as a sunny new hotspot on the Adriatic coastline. International investors (mostly from Russia and Saudi Arabia) are pouring money into what they hope will



At the humble waterfront town of Perast, young men motor tourists out to the island in the middle of the bay. **RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

become their very own Riviera.

Unfortunately, when rich people paste a glitzy facade onto the crumbling infrastructure of a poor country that isn't ready for it, you get a lot of pizzazz with no substance. I stayed at a supposedly "designer" hotel that was a comedy of horrible design. I felt like I was their first guest ever.

A huge thunderstorm hit with enough fury to keep the automatic glass doors opening and closing on their own. Nothing drained — a torrent cascaded down the stairs and through the front door. The rain also brought a backed-up sewage smell that drove me out of my room.

Eventually the rain stopped, the clouds parted, and I went out to explore.

My first stop was the Bay of Kotor, where the Adriatic cuts into steep mountains like a Norwegian fjord. At the humble waterfront town of Perast, young guys in swim trunks edged their boats near the dock, jockeying to motor tourists out to the island in the middle of the bay. According to legend, fishermen saw the Virgin Mary in the reef and began a ritual of dropping a stone on the spot each time they sailed by. Eventually the island we see today was created, and upon that island the people built a fine little church.

I hired a guy with a dinghy to ferry me out to the island, where I was met by a young woman who gave me a tour of the church. In the sacristy hung a piece of embroi-

dery — a 20-year-long labor of love made by a local parishioner 200 years ago. It was exquisite, lovingly made with the finest materials available: silk and the woman's own hair. I could trace her laborious progress through the line of cherubs that ornamented the border. As the years went by, the hair of the angels (like the hair of the devout artist) turned from dark brown to white. Humble and anonymous as she was, she had faith that her work was worthwhile — and two centuries later, it's appreciated by a steady parade of travelers from distant lands.

I've been at my work for more than three decades now and my hair is also getting a little gray. I have a faith that it — my work,

if not my hair — will be appreciated after I'm gone. That's perhaps less humble than the woman was, but her work reminds me that we can live on through our deeds. Her devotion to her creation (as well as to her creator) is an inspiration to do both good and lasting work. While traveling, I'm often struck by how people give meaning to their lives by contributing what they can.

I didn't take a photograph of the embroidery that day. For some reason, I didn't even take notes. At the time, I didn't realize I was experiencing the highlight of my trip. The impression of the woman's tenderly created embroidery needed time to breathe — like a good red wine. That was a lesson for

me. I was already moving on to the next stop. When the power of the impression did open up in my mind, it was rich and full-bodied — but I was long gone.

If travel is going to have the impact on you that it should, you have to climb into those little dinghies to discover those experiences. The best encounters won't come to you. And you have to let them breathe.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Cameras a must on Liauw's travels

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

After appearing in the "Quantum Leap" reboot, Johanna Liauw is one of the stars of Netflix's "Tall Girl 2." She describes her role as empowering, especially for younger people. "(Stella is) energetic and fun," the actress said of her character. "She marches to the beat of her own tune, which I think is really inspiring for those who may not feel comfortable in their own skin growing up. I know I sure felt that way and still do at times. Whenever I come across someone who owns who they are and doesn't conform to society's standards, I have a lot of respect and admiration for them. Stella's personality very much reads that way to me." A resident of Pasadena, California, Liauw stays in touch with her fans on Instagram (@johannaliauw/).

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?
A: I went to Vegas for the first time a couple of months ago for my birthday. I totally would go back again! Santa Barbara, Pismo Beach and San Diego (also) are great spots for a quick relaxing getaway.

Q: Do you prefer visiting warm or cold climates?
A: I grew up in Atlanta for a good chunk of my childhood, so I got to experience the seasons change which was really beautiful. But climate doesn't deter me from traveling to a certain place. Wherever calls to me, I go.

Q: I know you've visited



Johanna Liauw said traveling on a plane with a faulty engine was a frightening experience. **BEN COPE/TCA**

Greece. What did you do while there?
A: Cliff jumping and swimming in Amoudi Bay was unreal. The water was crystal clear and a gorgeous blue color. The food, drink, and atmosphere at Artemis Karamolegos winery were to die for. So many amazing memories from that trip.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?
A: I think I still need to visit more places before I can fully come to a consensus on that. (Laughs) I always had a feeling that I'd live in Europe at some point in my life, so I'll get back to you on that one once I've checked out a few more spots.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?
A: I mainly try to find unique restaurants and activities, as well as scoping out what some good shopping spots are. I want to check out the thrift stores, especially if I'm visiting somewhere outside of the United States. Reddit is always a great way to get suggestions on what's worth

checking out.

Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?
A: Polaroid or toss-away cameras are a must. I love the nostalgic feel the images give when they get developed. It's a fun way to capture memories instead of just using a phone. I always bring at least two books with me for some downtime relaxation moments.

Q: What is your worst vacation memory?
A: I was flying from Los Angeles to Florida a couple of years back and they had to make an emergency landing at an airport in Lubbock, Texas. The plane was nose-diving and it was the most terrifying experience I've ever had on a flight. Turns out that one of the engines blew. I ended up having a panic attack, because I was not about to step foot on another plane after that. I ended up being taken to a hospital, which ended up being a whole other mess itself. (Laughs) Suffice to say, I never flew with that airline ever again.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Where's my Britrail Flexi Pass refund after 2 years?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: In February 2020, I bought two Britrail England Flexi Passes through ACP Rail, a travel agency specializing in rail passes. A year later, it became clear that we would not use the passes. Since they were refundable, I asked ACP for a refund. It agreed to take the tickets back, and in February 2021, I mailed the tickets back to the company. I never got the money. I checked with ACP multiple times. Whenever I did, it would send me emails that said "due to government restrictions" its offices were closed. It blamed the closure on a delay in processing our refund. "We will follow up and confirm as soon as possible," they promised. But I never received a confirmation. As I write this, it is November 2021 — almost two years after I bought my Britrail passes — and I still haven't received the \$558 that ACP Rail promised me. I read your column about another ACP case in the Boston Globe and was hoping you could help me get a refund.
— Katherine Spokes, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

A: Did you say ACP Rail had your money for almost two years? That's got to be some kind of record. In case you're just joining us, a refund should take no more than a week. The best companies can do it in a few minutes. Two years? Where's that number for Guinness?
Before I get to the resolution on your case, I want to acknowledge the many emails I've received from readers about pandemic refund cases. You are done with them, you say — and I hear you. So am I! I think this may be our last one. Two years really is a record. And besides, we have a lot of other problems to solve for travelers, don't we?
You were way too patient with your online agency and Britrail. I list the Britrail executive contacts on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/britrail/. I would

have reached out to them — politely — and asked them for a refund.
Alternatively, you could have contacted your credit card issuer to see if they would allow you to dispute the charge.
A good credit card company would have fought for you to receive a prompt refund. A written promise to return the money would be viewed as a credit memo by some credit card dispute departments, and you would have received your money quickly.
I don't know why it took ACP Rail so long. It looks as if your Britrail passes were refundable. According to the terms (www.britrail.com/britrail-passes/eligibility-conditions-of-use/), you had 11 months from the date of issue to request a full refund, unless your travel agent specified other terms, which it didn't. You were within the refund

window. Maybe ACP's offices were closed for a while during the initial outbreak, but it was still accepting reservations, which means it was still in business. And if it's in business, it can issue a timely refund.
I contacted ACP Rail on your behalf. A representative responded that it had "already" issued your refund, suggesting that it would have returned your money without me asking. The next day, the money landed in your account. Whatever. I'm just glad you have your refund, finally.
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CELEBRITIES

Bingham knows how to keep a secret

By Joshua Axelrod
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Anyone who has ever tried keeping a secret can appreciate how difficult it must have been for Margot Bingham not to reveal the big twist involving her character on “The Walking Dead” for as long as she did.

Bingham made her “Walking Dead” debut in 2019 as the voice on the other end of the radio communicating with Eugene (Josh McDermitt). She didn’t physically appear on “The Walking Dead” until early in the show’s 11th and final season, which is now airing on AMC.

At that point, she was revealed to be Max, personal assistant to Pamela Milton (Laila Robins), governor of the new world settlement known as the Commonwealth. Eugene was under the belief he had been conversing with Stephanie (Chelle Ramos) over the radio before the show’s March 6 episode, when that relationship proved to be a sham. That’s when Max finally let him know she was the one he had connected with over the airwaves.

“I’ve been waiting for three years to essentially have my coming-out party,” Bingham said. “I’ve had to keep it quiet. I was announced as this voice character. It was really cool to be Max. I can finally be myself.”

Television fans might recognize Bingham from her small screen roles on shows such as HBO’s “Boardwalk Empire,” NBC’s “New Amsterdam,” ABC’s “The Family” and Netflix’s “She’s Gotta Have It.” Anyone who has enjoyed Bingham on “The Walking Dead” can catch more of her work in upcoming projects like the film “Dotty & Soul” and the TV series “Leopard Skin.”



Actor Margot Bingham portrays personal assistant Max on “The Walking Dead.” ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFP 2019

Her role as jazz and blues singer Daughter Maitland on “Boardwalk Empire” “broke me into the film and movie industry,” Bingham said. She recorded upward of 50 songs for that show and said she was surprised by how many of them were used to underscore various scenes. Bingham cherished working with big names like Steve Buscemi, Jeffrey Wright and the late Michael K. Williams.

As a big fan of “The Walking Dead,” Bingham was thrilled for the opportunity to join the show’s cast before its impending series finale. Less exciting was how Max’s big reveal was delayed after production was forced to shut down due to COVID-19.

“If that’s the worst thing that happened to me during the pandemic, I’m really lucky,” she said.

Despite still getting over having his feelings crushed by Stephanie, sparks quickly fly between

Eugene and Max as they nerd out over the story beats of Eugene’s sci-fi novel. Bingham said that McDermitt “is the funniest dude,” and she feels lucky to be part of an ensemble where everyone gets along and is so talented.

Now that Max’s true identity is public knowledge, Bingham is beginning to feel the love from “The Walking Dead” faithful. She experienced that firsthand recently via the warm reception that greeted her at the first fan convention she attended after the big Max reveal.

April 3 birthdays: Actor Marsha Mason is 80. Singer Wayne Newton is 80. Singer Tony Orlando is 78. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 63. Comedian Eddie Murphy is 61. Actor Jennie Garth is 50. Actor Adam Scott is 49. Actor Cobie Smulders is 40. Singer Leona Lewis is 37. Actor Amanda Bynes is 36. Actor Rachel Bloom is 35.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Grandparents break rule during overnight

Dear Amy: Seven months ago, my in-laws took my not-quite 5-year-old child for an overnight, and broke the one rule that my spouse and I set for our child’s time with them: Not to ride their ATV.

We do not feel it is safe, particularly on public roads. We reminded them of this rule as they were leaving for the outing.

Immediately upon their return, our child spontaneously shared that they had ridden the ATV, including on the roads. My in-laws did not apologize, nor acknowledge wrongdoing. They believe it is safe and within their rights to make that decision.

An additional concern I have is that they have unsecured firearms in their home and refuse to get a gun safe to lock their weapons.

I believe those two matters show very poor judgment on their part, and that my young child is not safe in their care.

I don’t feel that my in-laws are trustworthy, they don’t respect us as the parents, and they have poor judgment in regard to safety.

My spouse is more inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt.

Your take?
— Concerned Parent

Dear Concerned: My take is that these grandparents should not have your child on their property without you or your spouse being physically present.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission’s 2018 annual ATV report on deaths and injuries (the most recent statistics) finds “there were 81,800 ATV-related emergency

department-treated injuries reported in 2018. More than a quarter of those injuries were sustained by children under 16 years old, the highest of any age group.”

The report goes on to say: “Even if a locality allows people to drive off-road vehicles on paved public roads, ATVs are not designed for that purpose. ATVs can be unwieldy on paved surfaces, and the risk of collision with a car, truck, or other vehicle is significantly higher.”

Each year in the U.S., nearly 350 children younger than 17 gain access to a gun and unintentionally kill or injure themselves or someone else, according to Everytown.org.

Not only do your in-laws exhibit extremely poor judgment regarding the safety of your child (or any child), but they obviously don’t respect your very reasonable requirements.

Please, educate your child about gun safety.

The NRA’s guidelines for young children are simple: “Stop! Don’t touch. Run away. Tell an adult.” (Eddieeagle.nra.org)

No wise grandparent who wants to spend time with a grandchild will openly defy that child’s parents.

Dear Amy: I was reading your “Best of” column that addresses political differences between friends.

Part of your response to writer (“Fed Up”) was: “Sophisticated people living in a country devoted to free speech should be able to tolerate different — or even offensive — perspectives without wanting to leave the

country.”

Even though this advice is 10 years old, it’s still (if not more) relevant today.

I wrote it down on my calendar so I can see it every day and hopefully be able to quote it without botching it up. Thank you!
— Grateful

Dear Grateful: I have to admit that when I was reviewing columns from 10 years ago, I was a little surprised that the political divide referenced even existed. And then I remembered, as I often do, my own early childhood in the turbulent ’60s and ’70s.

Now I wonder if turbulence might be the norm, while periods of calm and relative solidarity are rare.

I believe we should all value our freedom to disagree loudly and to protest robustly. There are many places in the world where this is not possible.

Dear Amy: I appreciated your compassion toward “Well Read,” the grieving widow who was so offended when her fellow book club members confronted her over her erratic behavior.

After hearing her out, “What is going on with you?” was the perfect question to ask her. I hope she will see a doctor for a medical evaluation.
— Concerned

Dear Concerned: It is tough to be on the receiving end of an intervention; I hope she can see past her hurt feelings and get help.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): A readjustment of your finances could be in order. Your pay may have fluctuated, or you might need to add a new expense. Overspending can be a dangerous pitfall, especially emotional shopping, so be diligent about the ways you’re spending money.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): So many thoughts, so little time! Every possible scenario may be spiraling through your mind, but this day could slip away from you. Being present can be difficult, but tap back into reality so you can take hold of the opportunities in front of you. A bit of focus will go a long way!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your feelings may go on a journey. Mood swings can be hard to recognize while you’re inside them, and it’s not a bad thing to feel your feelings! Give your emotions space to be felt — but take a step back and ask yourself if you’re making an informed decision or an emotional one.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The people around you seem more inclined to act unpredictably. Someone in your life may throw you an emotional curveball that you never thought would come from them. Do your best to catch this curveball, but if it knocks you off balance, just keep moving forward.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Public drama can rear its head under the current energy. You may not be a part of the drama, but you’re likely to witness an event. Whether it’s a emotional meltdown or flaming temperaments, remaining steady under pressure will be your friend. Do what you can to make the situation calmer.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The freedom bug might unexpectedly bite you. You could find yourself itching for a break, and although you may not be able to drop everything, your schedule can probably handle a small break from your usual activities. Think of something you’ve been wanting to do — then do it!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An old grudge may fade from your mind very soon. A past hurt that you’ve been trying to heal can finally begin to leave the front of your mind. Let some of its tension dissolve at last. It could even be a conversation with the person who hurt you that gives you some peace.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone close to you could surprise you, and you may not know how to feel. Before you jump to conclusions, try to understand where they’re coming from. You could have shocked people in the past, and you likely would have wanted to be accepted then.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your routine is unlikely to go as planned today. Someone that you have a standing appointment with may need to reschedule at the last second. These last-minute changes can be frustrating, but if you do your best to expect some adjustments, you’ll be able to flow with them accordingly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may try to get you out of your comfort zone. A peer could push you to try something that you’re a novice at. Although you may be afraid to look like a fool when you start, remind yourself that people are rarely great at something they’ve just begun to learn.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone in your family may make a decision that surprises you. They could be progressing past old habits or letting go of hard-held beliefs. Even though you may be shocked, keep an open mind. We’re all constantly evolving, even your most steadfast family member!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be inclined to break away from the crowd. Others make it clear to you which way is the more tried-and-true path, but your intuition calls you away from the safe option. Your inner sense is letting you know where you’re supposed to end up.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1973, the first hand-held portable telephone was demonstrated for reporters on a New York City street corner.

In 1974, deadly tornadoes began hitting wide parts of the South and Midwest

before jumping across the border into Canada; more than 300 fatalities resulted from what became known as the Super Outbreak.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was arrested at his remote Montana cabin.

In 2014, David Letterman announced during a taping of the “Late Show” that he would retire as host in 2015.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 3, 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia.

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

ARGO CRASH
ROCKY CHICAGO
TITANIC PLATOON

JUMBLE

IMPEDE GRAVEL
BAFFLE HYBRID
AWAKEN WINDOW

She began exercising and eating lower-calorie foods because she wanted a —

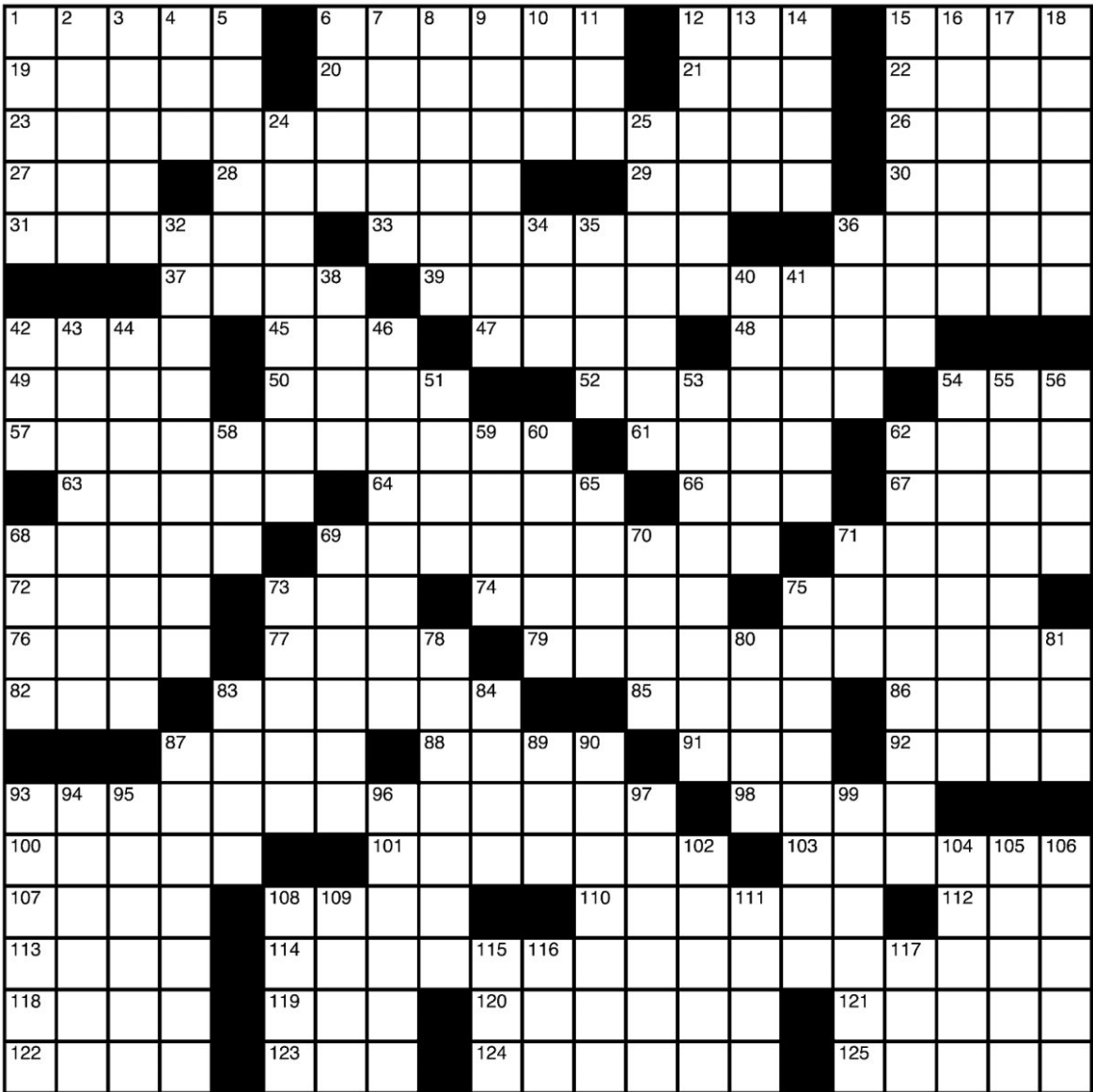
NEW “WEIGH” OF LIFE

ARTS&LIVING

Coming to Terms

By David Alfred Bywaters

- Across**
1. Well-trodden ways
6. Fountain favorite
12. Encountered
15. Darns, say
19. In the area of
20. Go too far
21. The Pac-12's Sun Devils: Abbr.
22. Fall lead-in?
23. Grill a bit too long?
26. 19-Across, on a memo
27. Title TV role for Sandra Oh
28. Comme une jeune fille
29. Sound from a snorter
30. Stairway alternative
31. Oppressive ruler
33. Won't let go
36. __ bean
37. Estimate words
39. "No Time for Sergeants," e.g.?
42. Venomous slitherers
45. Text letters often in blue
47. Way more than drizzle
48. Qtys.
49. One may be saved or taken
50. Stew veggies
52. Fishing nets
54. Tough H.S. tests
57. Palatial mansion navigation need?
61. Old Norse poetic work
62. Wild way to run
63. Dismiss contemptuously
64. Novel features
66. Na+ or Cl-
67. "The Munsters" matriarch
68. Sheltered from the sun
69. TV series with funny animals?
71. Host
72. Make special mention of
73. Beer nickname
74. Joan __
75. Name on the "Robot" sci-fi series
76. Miner's finds
77. Stuck in __
79. Fresh food fight?
82. Go beyond dating
83. Neckwear accessory
85. Arid
86. Prefix with cumulus
87. Achy
88. More than just comfortable
91. Weaken
92. Source of class struggle?
93. Endorse certain property



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- barriers?
98. Cut
100. Opera highlights
101. Commercial bigwigs
103. Less verbose
107. Edges
108. Grooming style named for a continent
110. Saturate
112. Miembro de la familia
113. "Hunny" lover
114. Immortal confection?
118. Besides that

119. Feel bad about
120. Court errors
121. Confused conflict
122. Oolong and pekoe
123. Boot a grounder, say
124. Joint effort, briefly
125. Visionaries

- Down**
1. Measured, with "off"
2. Too good for
3. Reference library array
4. Wheel center

5. Daze
6. Apple juice eponym
7. Confront opposite
8. Far from festive
9. Arboreal apex
10. Harris and a horse
11. Happy companion?
12. 20th-century Chinese ideology
13. "Around the Horn" channel
14. Elephant feature
15. Haunted house occupants, it's said
16. Titular Verdi bandit

17. Become fond of
18. Go faster, with "it"
24. Attacks
25. Award recipient
32. Closing pieces
34. Portuguese year
35. Post-op places
36. Chance-of-rain nos.
38. Utah city that's an anagram of an Italian city
40. Admirers, as a group
41. "Let me clarify ..."
42. Cigar end, in two senses
43. Coast
44. Examined by touch
46. Eagerly accepted, as compliments
51. Shaker grains
53. Foolish ways
54. Friendly
55. Ferret relatives
56. Largest of the Inner Hebrides
58. __ wolf
59. Just fair
60. Word after scared or bored
62. Yale, for five U.S. presidents
65. Big name
68. Winter forecast
69. Mashed into a paste
70. French vineyards
71. " __ Beso": 1962 Anka hit
73. Scot's tot
75. Winter road hazard
78. Done with, perhaps
80. Ensnare
81. Tyke on a trike
83. One may stand on them to reach a high shelf
84. Prime time time
87. Big hits
89. Third-century date
90. Attentive
93. "Arabian Nights" vehicle
94. Colorful songbird
95. Cocktail named for a plant
96. __ John: meat brand
97. Book predecessor
99. Fixes the edge of
102. Sealy rival
104. Didn't take well?
105. Down source
106. Valentine's Day gift
108. Traditionally, amount of land plowable by one man in one day with a team of oxen
109. Common par
111. Govt. accident investigator
115. "Brockmire" network
116. Confucian path
117. "I had no idea"

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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PAR SCORE 265-275

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FIVE RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

RACK 1

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Triple Word Score

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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
Tribune Content Agency

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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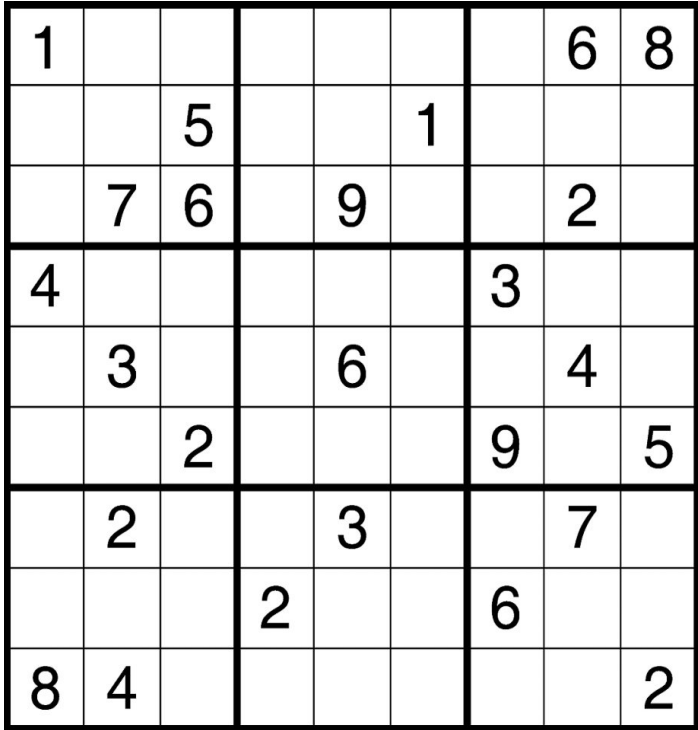
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



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Show appreciation for book club friend with a luncheon



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I belong to a long-established book club with many members belonging for 20 or 25 years. We have a sort of rotating moderator who sends out reminders and lists of books, and keeps discussions on topic when they veer off too far into grandchildren and health issues.

The present moderator is especially good and skillful at communicating and gracefully keeping everyone on task. One member wants to reward her, and is collecting for a substantial monetary gift. I am offended and appalled that we would offer money to a friend for doing a good job. I think a modest gift card from a bookstore, or better, a beautiful bouquet, would be much more appropriate. How could this awful, well-meaning gesture have been sidetracked?

Gentle reader: In these crass times, Miss Manners is grateful to hear of someone who considers it insulting to pay social acquaintances for helping out. It downgrades acts of generosity to being paid services. Yet gratitude should be shown. It is unfortunately common for such generosity to be taken for granted or dismissed as something the volunteer just likes to do.

So you are right to think of whitewashing the situation and laundering the money. A book or flowers, sure, but what about throwing a luncheon in her honor, with the members expressing their admiration? One of the most lasting presents possible is

explicit appreciation.

Dear Miss Manners: I am an older gentleman who has repeatedly been described as “a natty dresser.” (I just think that I dress neatly and appropriately.) And yet there are three women I encounter occasionally who compulsively correct something: They smooth an already flat lapel or adjust a carefully knotted tie.

If the genders were reversed, I would be allowed to say, with some heat, “Take your hands off me!” The best I have come up with is, “You know, it’s a shame that someone in his 60s can’t be trusted to get dressed before he leaves the house.” What advice has Miss Manners to offer?

Gentle reader: Is this an assault on your aesthetic or on your personal space? Either complaint is legitimate, but Miss Manners wants to be clear on the intention before she offers her advice. She supposes that it will sound outdated if she recalls when it used to be a sign of affection for a partner or intimate to adjust a gentleman’s clothing. It was of no relevance if the tie or lapel actually needed improvement — it was merely a way to take pride in his appearance. Miss Manners readily concedes, however, that doing this without consent, or to someone to whom you are not intimately related, is a violation. And as you point out, it does not pass the gender-reverse test. Adjusting a lady’s bra strap or wayward button would not be taken kindly.

Assuming good intent, however, perhaps you could offer bewilderment instead of heat. Try a startled step back, followed by, “Oh dear, I tied that tie meticulously. I’ll have to retreat to the men’s room now to adjust it. Excuse

me.” If you do this enough and it causes sufficient delay in dinner or other plans, perhaps your handsy friends will receive the message that their adjustments are not wanted.

Dear Miss Manners: I come from a family that I thought was very close. I have two brothers and three sisters, and my parents had a lot of land. When my parents were living, it was understood that when they passed, each child would inherit a parcel of land. My father died first, and then my mother changed her will. She left all the property to one sister; none of the others got land. My heart was shattered. It’s been six years already. I don’t dwell on the situation, but I felt totally betrayed. I live out of the country, so it would have been nice to have a summer home where I grew up. Now my siblings are questioning why I’m not as close to them as I was before. It’s a matter of fact — I don’t even miss them. Am I being a child by not wanting to be close again?

Gentle reader: It seems to Miss Manners that your quarrel is with your deceased mother, not your living siblings. Yet you are taking it out on them, most of whom are enduring the exact same misfortune as you. How close you want to be to your relatives is clearly up to you. But as to whether or not you are being a child? Six years later, an empathetic child probably would have gotten over it.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

The problem with odd trend of the ‘puddle pants’



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I am puzzled about something I just read about in a fashion blog: “Puddle Pants.” Apparently these are now a must-wear among models, celebs and the people who are photographed for “On the Street Fashion” outside fashion shows in Paris, etc. Can you explain this odd trend?
— *Callie J.*

Dear Callie: For those not familiar with this term, puddle pants are women’s wide-leg pants (though men can wear them too), intentionally oversized that are so long they often cover the shoes and then some, “puddling” at the ankle. And, they drag on the street (“kissing the ground,” in fashion speak) into puddles or whatever else you might find on the sidewalk. Yuck.

These are the opposite of skinny jeans and we should have seen them coming, since styles need to change often to get us to reach into our wallets to “freshen” our wardrobes. For many years I’ve been surprised by regular people, mostly in jeans, sweeping the ground with their too-long pants, just not bothering to shorten them. Who knew that would one day be considered stylish? As you can tell from my skeptical explanation, I think this trend is impractical and not at all flattering for those of us who walk on sidewalks or run for the bus. In other words, all of us.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: After losing some weight



Puddle pants are women’s wide-leg, intentionally oversized pants that “puddle” at the ankle. **DREAMSTIME**

about a year ago, I am left with wrinkly skin, mostly on my upper legs. I have worn a bathing suit with a skirt, but it only covers my very upper thighs. My question is ... is there any type of covering that would cover a good part of my thighs above my knees, and is stylish?
— *Lily O.*

Dear Lily: There are many women who prefer a little more modesty in their swimwear and manufacturers are catching on. Lands’ End, for instance, sells a long “Active Board Skort Swim Skirt” that is 17 or 17 ½ inches long (landsend.com, on sale for \$58.45), or search online for “long swim skort” to find some good options that pair with a separate swim top.

Reader Rant
Several readers have their say about weddings... Joy I. writes: “My rant:

We are encouraging a generation (or two) of self-centered bridezillas when we refer to their weddings as ‘their day.’ If the groom-to-be doesn’t have equal status, what’s the point?”
From Tonia R.: “I agree with you that white or black can be worn by anyone to a wedding or rehearsal. White only became ‘bridal’ when Queen Victoria chose it as her dress color. Prior, it was chosen for death! Brides, it’s time to practice your grown-up choice to get married by not dictating what anyone wears to your party. You’re not 8 years old! You and your partner will be the focus no matter what people wear.”

Now it’s your turn
Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

MY PET WORLD

Adopting pet siblings? Readers ask why not?

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I read your comment that you would not adopt two puppies from the same litter. You did not explain why. I’m curious as I have done this three times throughout my life without any problems.
— *Bud, East Hampton, New York*

Dear Bud: I received many letters asking me why I wouldn’t adopt two puppies from the same litter. As you note, people do it all the time — and successfully. While there is no definitive research on the matter, my advice came from personal experience having adopted two siblings, from pet owners who have written to me, and from trainers and behaviorists who have worked with clients on this issue. Take this advice, however, as guidelines for consideration and not hard and fixed rules you must follow. Here are a few things to consider:

First, most people adopt siblings because they feel the puppies are tightly bonded. This may be true. But their bond sometimes means they are so into each other that you, their human caretaker, can become the third wheel in the relationship. To overcome this inequality, the pet parent should make time to train, play with, and walk each dog separately. Each dog needs to bond with their human families and develop good manners. Siblings also need time apart as this can help reduce the potential for anxiety if and when they part ways in the future.

Second, people may adopt siblings so they can grow up together, or because they think caring for two dogs isn’t any more difficult than caring for one. While it’s a joy to watch two puppies play-



There are some drawbacks to consider when adopting sibling pets. **DREAMSTIME**

ing, it is twice the time and twice the cost to raise them. Also, those puppies will be senior dogs at the same time and may have costly health issues that could be difficult to pay for if both need medical care.

Third, people may adopt siblings because they feel the two dogs will entertain each other when they can’t be around. I think every home should be a two-dog household for that very reason, but if a pet parent doesn’t have the time to give one dog what he or she needs, then I worry a second dog of the same age will not receive the time and attention he or she deserves either.

Finally, two siblings,

regardless of sex, can bully and get aggressive with the other. This was my experience with the two brothers I adopted, but it’s also something trainers and behaviorists see in their practices. Granted, trainers and behaviorists only see the problem cases and not the success stories, which I do believe are more prevalent. It’s just important as a pet parent or future pet parent to understand the challenges you might face when adopting siblings and look for dogs with very easygoing personalities. Keeping in mind that puppies behave differently with each other than mature dogs. Of course, aggression can occur between any dogs regardless of their age,

bond, or family tree; and two siblings can get along great (which many do). Just be aware that there can be challenges and consider whether or not you have the bandwidth to address them should they arise.

Dear Cathy: My senior dog is over 14 years old and was diagnosed with hip dysplasia, and a heart murmur. The vet thinks she also has Cushing’s disease. She started urinating in the house and took antibiotics for a bladder infection. Do you recommend any specific treatment for her with all these health issues going on? She does not seem to be in pain, but at night she does have

more trouble walking. She weighs 46 pounds and is a mixed breed (beagle/terrier). Some sites say not to treat Cushing’s disease, and some recommend holistic medications.
— *Deborah, Baltimore*

Dear Deborah: Because of all the health issues, I recommend working directly with your veterinarian. Ask him or her to outline all treatment options and the costs so you can make an informed decision about her care. At the very least you want to keep her comfortable. Medications and supplements can help with joint pain and movement, but there are also complementary therapies, like

acupuncture, acupressure, herbal medicine or canine massage, which might help and can be incorporated into an overall treatment plan. I took my dog for acupuncture during the last nine months of his life for hip dysplasia, and he responded well to it. You can find a holistic veterinarian by visiting the American Holistic Veterinary Association’s website (www.ahvma.org).

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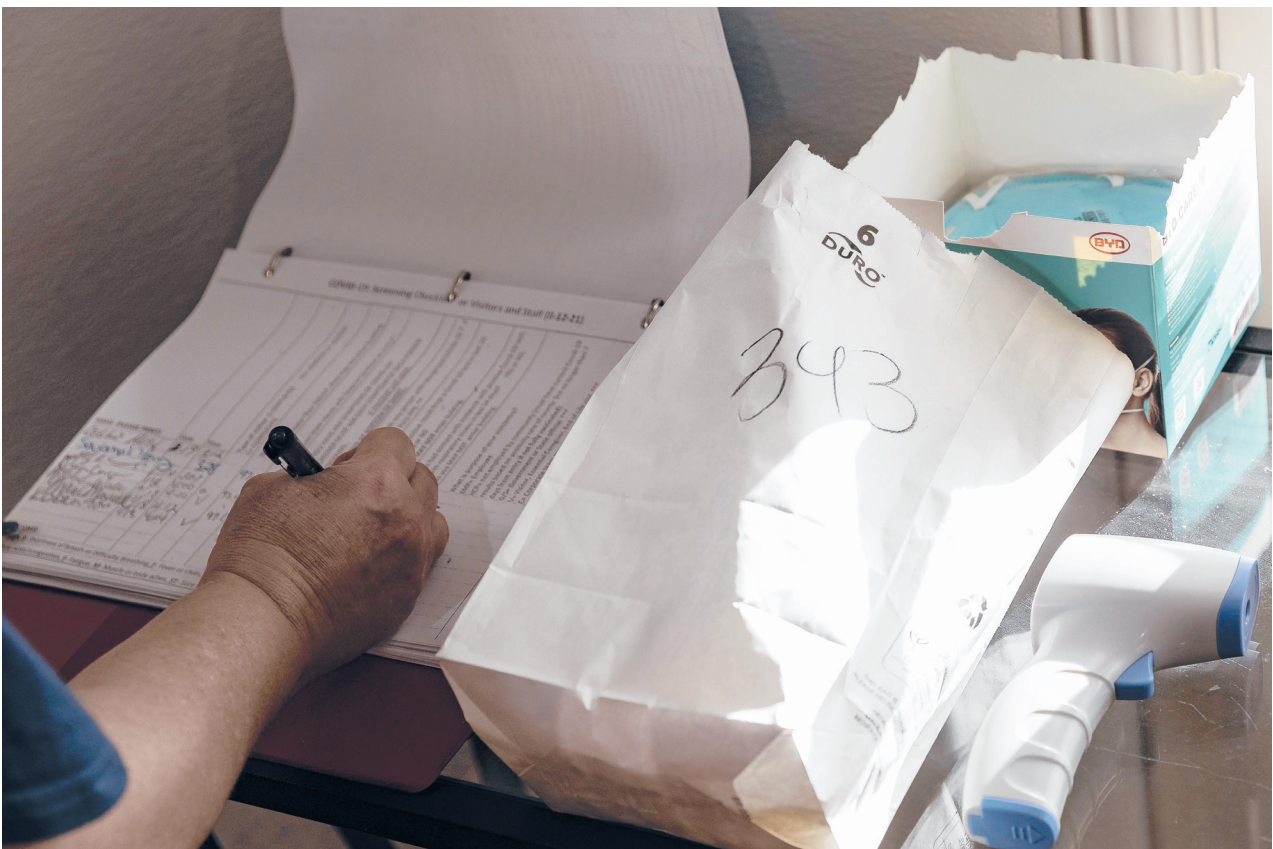
‘It’s the hardest job you’ll ever love’

What it’s like to work in a nursing home as the COVID-19 pandemic continues

By **Marin Wolf**
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The employees at Focused Care of Waxahachie, Texas, end each staff meeting with a group chant. “RAMP it up!” they yell in unison. RAMP, which stands for “residents are my priority,” is a call to action for the nursing home’s 62 workers, charged with caring for the community’s highest-risk populations. And it’s evident that the staff members take that message to heart. The nurses; certified nursing assistants, or CNAs; kitchen staff and housekeepers say they know their residents as if they were part of their own family.

As the omicron variant spreads, sickening some employees and forcing others to quarantine, Focused Care’s staff have stepped up, as they did in every previous surge. They work overtime, stay late and answer calls in the middle of the night — all to ensure their residents are properly cared for. “We know if we leave, nobody’s going to be here for our residents, so we try to help each other out,” said Shaniece Dickerson, a CNA at the nursing home. Staffing shortages have plagued long-term care facilities throughout the pandemic, forcing some to limit the number of new residents they could accept. Nationally, nursing homes and assisted care facilities lost more than 230,000 workers — more than 15% of the workforce — since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the American Health Care Association and



Kelly Dickerson fills out information asking if she has any COVID-19 symptoms at the station near the front door of Focused Care at Waxahachie south of Dallas, Texas. **REBECCA SLEZAK/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

the National Center for Assisted Living. Focused Care officials say the nursing home has fared relatively well with staffing compared to other nursing homes. The facility didn’t see a mass exodus of workers during four COVID-19 surges in North Texas, said Randy Langford, executive director of operations at the nursing home. Filling open positions, on the other hand, has proven difficult. Langford said he’s trying to hire more workers to give current staff more of a break, but candidates routinely don’t show up to their interviews. At the beginning of the pandemic, he blamed some of the lack of interest in the field on federal unemployment benefits, which gave workers the financial flexibility to stay home. Long-term care facilities also got a bad rap at the

beginning of the pandemic, Langford said, because of early outbreaks at nursing homes. Adding to staffing woes is the fact that nursing home workers aren’t immune to COVID-19. At Focused Care, 14 workers have tested positive for the virus during the omicron wave. The facility, which tests staff twice a week, has yet to have two consecutive weeks without at least one COVID-19 case since the omicron variant came to North Texas. Dickerson, who started working on Focused Care’s kitchen staff around 10 years ago, regularly picks up additional shifts, sometimes working 15 to 20 extra hours per week. She spends all of that time in an N95 mask to protect the elderly residents. Even though it’s physically and mentally exhausting at times, she said she’s

there to support the rest of the staff. “We are like family, and that’s what keeps us together,” she said. Nursing homes, much like hospitals, are 24-hour businesses. They have to be staffed at all times, with additional staffing required in emergency situations. Focused Care does not currently have any COVID-19-positive residents. But when a resident does contract the virus, the facility opens the “hot zone.” A six-room corner of the nursing home becomes a mini-COVID-19 ward, with red tape and curtains cautioning people from entering unless absolutely necessary. Employees working in the “hot zone” don’t work anywhere else in the facility, and employees outside of the “hot zone” never enter it. Decked in what interim director of nursing Julia

Smith compared to a plastic trash bag, “hot zone” workers have to stay in full protective gear. It’s a difficult reality when caring for patients who want the opportunity for human touch and connection, she said. Visitors are allowed in the facility, unlike at the beginning of the pandemic, although they have to wear masks, answer questions about potential COVID-19 exposures and have their temperatures checked. Watching her residents suffer from the isolation of the first year of the pandemic was particularly heartbreaking, Smith said. Even if they never contracted the virus, many residents saw their health decline from the sheer loneliness of not getting to be with their families. “Whenever I’m interviewing someone, I ask ‘What brings you to long-

term care?’ Because this is the hardest job you’ll ever love,” she said. “If you don’t have the heart to do this, you’re not going to be successful and you’re not going to be happy.” Smith, like many of her coworkers, works far longer hours than she did before the onset of the pandemic. She started her role at Focused Care in late November, when COVID-19 numbers had been in decline for over a month. Then omicron hit. Responsible for educating the nursing staff on the latest federal safety guidelines, in addition to coordinating care for the facility’s residents, Smith said she regularly works more than 60 hours per week. That doesn’t include the phone calls she gets from her staff at night when she’s technically off-the-clock. It’s not uncommon for Langford to have to come back to Focused Care late at night because of a problem with a resident or the building. Langford, who worked as a pastor before transitioning into long-term care management, was at the facility in the middle of the night just a few days before because a breaker broke. COVID-19 has only made the hours worse, he said. “I’ve worked more weekends than I’ve probably ever worked in my career since COVID,” he said. “It has unique issues.” Focused Care’s staff is trying to do what it can to remain positive, even with the uncertain future of the pandemic. The little things, like laughing with residents and “cutting up” with each other, are what keep them motivated to come into work each day. That, and love. “As I said, it’s the hardest job you’ll ever love,” Smith said. “Because, but for the grace of God, that person laying in there could be one of your loved ones.”

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Reader had mild COVID-19, still struggles with confusion

By **Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.**
King Features Syndicate

Q: I had COVID-19 in January and quarantined myself for 10 days after testing positive. My doctor prescribed a short-term antibiotic and a steroid. The obvious symptoms (slight fever, fatigue, cough, etc.) were mild and didn’t last long. I have noticed increasing confusion, distraction and forgetfulness. This is very disturbing to me. At this point, I have not contacted any doctors about these changes after COVID-19. Do you have any suggestions to reverse these symptoms?
A: We are surprised that your doctor prescribed an antibiotic for this viral infection. Moreover, we are sorry that you seem to have developed long COVID-19. Even people who experience a mild case sometimes end up with symptoms that last for months or longer. Young or middle-aged people as well as seniors may have cognitive complaints as part of their long-lasting problems. In addition to severe fatigue, patients have described brain fog with impaired attention, memory and executive function (JAMA Network Open, Oct. 22, 2021). We wish we could tell you about a treatment that is effective against this problem, but so far we have not seen one.

Q: Thank you for alerting your readers to the findings in a Consumer Reports article about high levels of lead, arsenic and cadmium in many major brands of spices. Since all brands of thyme and oregano, spices we use regularly, were contami-



Even people who had a mild case of COVID-19 sometimes end up with symptoms that last months. **DREAMSTIME**

nated, I wonder about oil of oregano. Our family doctor suggests it to combat colds and infections at times. I reached out to two brands that make oil of oregano. Impressively, Natural Factors got back to me immediately, detailing extensive testing. But this brand is hard to find, so we have used one from Whole Foods more regularly. I have sent numerous emails and calls to Whole Foods in an attempt to try and get information about any testing the company does on its oil of oregano. My messages have all been ignored.
A: We agree that all organizations, no matter how much power they have, should answer quality-control questions about their products. Based on our understanding of how oil of oregano is prepared from the leaves through steam distillation, we think heavy metal contamination is unlikely. But it surely would be good to confirm that!
Q: I am so confused about the best diet for people with diabetes. I have read that it is important to avoid fat as much as possible. But then I have

read in your column that a low-carb approach is better. I do eat a lot of carbs in the form of vegetables like Swiss chard, kale, squash and collard greens. Did you mean simple carbs like white bread, cookies, crackers and cake? Or are you including vegetables as well?
A: A diet low in processed carbohydrates can help reduce insulin resistance (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, January 2022). Some vegetables, including the ones you are so fond of, are a great addition to a blood-sugar-controlling diet. Starchy vegetables and fruit can pose problems for some people, however. These include potatoes, winter squash, carrots and corn. Occasionally, individuals will react to onions or tomatoes, or find that certain fruits do not elevate blood sugar. The best way to figure out how diet affects your blood sugar is to keep records of your blood sugar measurements and your meals.
In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Severe headaches during your period may be migraine

Mayo Clinic

Q: Ever since I was a teenager and began menstruating, I seem to get headaches that come on around the first day of my period. I am now in my 30s, and over the past year or so, they seem to be getting more severe and lasting longer — sometimes up to three days. Why is this happening, and are there ways to prevent or treat it?
A: It is not uncommon for women to have headaches before and during their periods. These headaches often can be effectively controlled with medication and usually don’t require in-depth evaluation. When there’s a change in the severity or type of headache, though, then it is time to see your health care provider to find out if another underlying medical condition could be causing the headaches. In most cases, headaches associated with menstruation are triggered by hormone changes. This is particularly true during the days leading up to a menstrual cycle, when estrogen levels fall rapidly. Due to these changes, many women have mild headaches, along with other symptoms, like bloating and cramping, beginning just before the onset of a period and sometimes lasting a few days after it starts. These headaches tend to be mild. Over-the-counter pain medications are usually all that is needed to manage them. In some women, though, the headaches that come with menstruation can be more severe. These headaches, called menstrual migraines, typically start two days before a period begins and can last until the third day of menses.



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A migraine headache can cause intense throbbing or pulsing in one area of the head, along with nausea, vomiting, and extreme sensitivity to light and sound. A menstrual migraine differs from a nonmenstrual migraine in that it is not typically associated with aura. Aura can consist of flashing lights, blind spots in your vision, or numbness or tingling of your face or hand. Menstrual migraine pain also may be more severe, last longer and be less responsive to treatment than a nonmenstrual migraine. If you have menstrual migraine, your health care provider may recommend that you take a combined hormonal contraceptive. These contraceptives can help migraine headaches because they curb the hormone changes that can trigger an attack. In addition to pregnancy prevention and migraine management, the use of combined hormonal contraceptives offers other benefits, too. They keep your menstrual cycle regular. They also control heavy menstrual bleeding. Although headaches may occur with menstruation, a change in the quality, severity or timing of

the headaches associated with your period could be a symptom of another medical concern. For some women, a change in these headaches signals the start of perimenopause. Perimenopause typically happens between ages 40 and 58. So at 38, it seems less likely that this is the cause of your headache changes. If your headaches are associated with changes in your menstrual cycle, hot flashes or night sweats, you may need to be evaluated for premature menopause. Other medical conditions, including sleep disorders, thyroid disease and pituitary disease, could be to blame instead. Make an appointment to see your health care provider or a women’s health specialist to have your condition assessed. If an underlying condition is the source of the problem, treatment for that disorder may help reduce or eliminate your headaches. — *Jacqueline Thielen M.D., Women’s Health Clinic, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida*
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White’s spinoff series isn’t just for young readers

Writer often asked about next Doc Ford book, but it’s already here with ‘Crocs’

By Colette Bancroft
Tampa Bay Times

Bestselling author Randy Wayne White says, “People ask me, when are you going to write another Doc Ford book? Well, I just came out with another one. People think they’re just for kids, but they’re for young adults and adults, too.”

“I just take out the profanity and the sex. And there’s a lot less violence.”

The Sanibel, Florida, writer has published 26 novels about Ford, a marine biologist and undercover government agent. The latest, “Salt River,” was published in 2020.

The Ford books for grown-ups combine evocative writing about Florida and its history with tense action and an often high body count. They might not seem likely to spin off a series of books for young readers. But in 2020, White, 71, published “Fins,” the first in his Sharks Incorporated series, followed by “Stingers” in 2021 and “Crocs” in March.

“Crocs” is not about the shoes but about, among other things, American crocodiles, which White calls “sweethearts.” All three books recount the adventures of a trio of youngsters who work for Ford as a research team, tagging blacktip sharks.

They’ve become a good team, and Doc and Hannah Smith give them a new assignment in “Crocs”: hunting for feral citrus trees on the scattered wild islands around Sanibel, trees whose seeds might have been planted by the Spanish five centuries ago.

There’s scientific opinion that such trees might be immune to citrus greening, the disease that has devastated Florida’s citrus industry in recent years. Grafting onto rootstock

from the feral trees might be a solution.

The three kids find traces of a feral tree soon enough. On the same island, they also find what they first think is a really big alligator, until a closer look reveals it’s an American crocodile, a mother guarding her brood of babies. They also meet an eccentric older woman, who tells them the mysterious and tragic story of a little girl who found a gold medallion buried in a shell mound, a medallion thought to have belonged to King Carlos, a Calusa leader.

This interview with White has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Are the books for kids easier to write than the ones for grown-ups?
A: I’d like to say they’ve been a delight to write, but it’s never gotten any easier for me. It’s still a pain in the rump. I labor over every sentence and paragraph. I strive for clarity, and one day maybe I’ll achieve it, I don’t know. I have enjoyed it. ... I’m still moving the Doc Ford story along with his (relationship with Hannah) Smith. They have a child now. I’m a sap when it comes to kids. So it’s fun.

But they’re all difficult to write. Every book I’ve ever started, I tell myself this one is going to be simple, boom boom boom, plot, and I just go off on tangents, getting into all the research. It’s just one terrifying day after another.

Q: Will the Sharks Incorporated series continue?
A: I have another book in the contract, and I’m working on that now. It’s called “Megalops.” It’s about tarpon. ... It was hard to convince the editors at Macmillan to use the word Megalops, but I finally convinced them. It’s a



Author Randy Wayne White, seen March 7 in Florida, holds his 272-page book recently released by Roaring Brook Press, “Crocs: A Sharks Incorporated Novel.” This third book in the Doc Ford spinoff series retails for \$16.99. **DIRK SHADD/TAMPA BAY TIMES**

lovely word, isn’t it? Very dinosaurlike. Tarpons are dinosaurs, they’re very dinosaurlike.

Q: As in all of your books, one of the most appealing things about “Crocs” is your vivid, knowledgeable use of the Florida setting. Can you talk about that?
A: In the Ford novels, the only place I’ve ever used as a setting where I had not spent a lot of time, not spent any time, is Disney World. That’s the only place I’ve never been that I ever wrote about. Every other place I’ve spent time in, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Africa, Colombia, much time in Cuba. And I’ve lived in Florida for years. I had a great deal of fun with various elements in this book, like looking for archaic Spanish citrus, which I’ve not only done, but I found it. I got a patent on my own

Seduced archaic rootstock.

Q: Is it called “Seduced” because the feral citrus is also an element in your Hannah Smith book by that title?
A: I was talking to Jeff Carter (a son of former President Jimmy Carter), who is an expert on this, and he said that if the Spanish had planted a citrus tree in the 1500s in an isolated spot, where it had not cross-pollinated, and it had dropped fruit, that would produce a clone of the original tree. I was thinking maybe that would be immune to the flies. So I went through the same process Hannah did. I actually did it.

On remnants of what I see as shell pyramids but most people call shell mounds, you can still find feral citrus, oranges, grapefruits, perhaps from seeds brought over by the

Spanish in 1500s. I love that linkage. I love bringing in all this history. It’s true here and certainly where you are (in St. Petersburg), so much history of the Tocobaga and Timucuan people.

Also the gold medallion, which I owned for many years. That’s based on the true story of a child who found it and tragically died not long after. I donated it to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Q: How about that crocodile?
A: Years ago, my buddy Peter Matthiessen and I went out with Frank Mazzotti, the United States’ leading crocodilian expert. He’s in the book. Peter and I actually did crocodile tagging with Frank. He’s the one who called saltwater crocodiles the sweethearts of the crocodilian world. I wanted to use that, so I asked him. I said, “Can

I use your real name? I’ll say you’re good-looking.”

Q: What kind of reaction do you get from kids who read your books?
A: A child will come up and say, or his parents will say, he loves the books, he loves the characters. Kids don’t tend to write reviews, and I don’t blame them. Kids are smarter than I think we remember. I don’t try to write down.

Q: Will there be another Doc Ford for grownups soon?
A: Yes, there will. I’m going to write at least two more. In one, Doc Ford and his uncle, Tucker Gatrell... trace Florida history from the cow-hunting days around Punta Rassa to Disney World. I’ve got some stuff here that’s done better than I ever fathomed, and I think I’m going to do just what I want to do.

BOOK REVIEWS

Debut alluring, unsettling, meta

Friendship, love, jealousy, obsession. They seem distinct enough, but what happens when these experiences begin to blend together?

Caitlin Barasch’s debut meta-novel, “A Novel Obsession,” is a chaotic exploration of these relationships and the way art blurs the line between them.

Naomi Ackerman is on the cusp of 25 and still hasn’t written her first novel, to the disappointment of her writerly grandmother. Aside from a risqué pseudo-relationship that ended years ago, Naomi doesn’t have anything to write about.

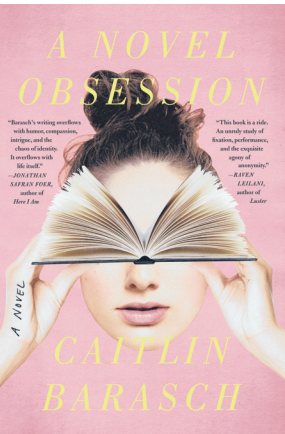
Convinced that a proper boyfriend-girlfriend experience will give her the perspective she needs, Naomi finds Caleb — a smart, sweet man who provides a healthy relationship. But where’s the inspiration in domestic stability?

When Caleb mentions that his ex-girlfriend tried contacting him, Naomi’s natural curiosity quickly turns into obsession, spiraling from casual internet searches to stakeouts. Her excuse: Rosemary will be the inspiration Naomi’s been lacking for her book.

It’s simply character research, but the more Naomi learns about Rosemary, the more of her own repressed demons she must confront.

Surface-level, Naomi’s annoying, self-centered and completely caught in her own narrative. But she’s also conflicted, round and relatable. She’s scared of death and the way people avoid those who are dying, even while she herself does this to her Grammie. She’s proud of her family and their successes but also jealous. Overall, she’s empty and searching for something to fill her void.

The most relatable part



‘A Novel Obsession’
By Caitlin Barasch; Dutton, 336 pages, \$17.

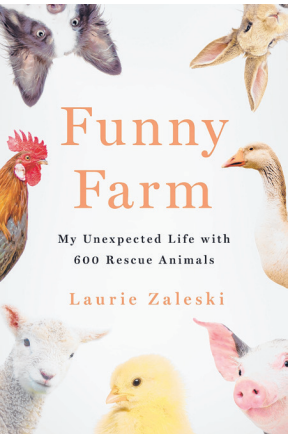
of Naomi, though, is her obsession with Rosemary. Barasch makes Caleb’s ex the most alluring, interesting person you wish you didn’t want to know.

Barasch has created a nesting doll of a novel: It’s a fictional story of a writer writing a fictional story written by a real fiction writer whose life bears many striking resemblances to the real-life novel.

“A Novel Obsession” is unsettling, but surely that’s what a reader wants when they pick up a novel about a woman stalking her boyfriend’s ex. Barasch has a talent for balancing discomfort and empathy, pushing the reader away and pulling them right back. — *Donna Edwards, Associated Press*

As its title promises, Laurie Zaleski’s memoir, “Funny Farm,” about how she came to found and run a large animal rescue farm in New Jersey is funny. It’s also moving, a big-hearted twin narrative of animal and human resilience.

Zaleski alternates the stories of some of the Funny Farm’s most colorful animal characters with her own family’s turbulent history and escape from domestic violence. She recounts the cruelty



‘Funny Farm’
By Laurie Zaleski; St. Martin’s Press, 256 pages, \$27.99.

and abandonment that lie behind both narratives, but answers it by describing and practicing compassion, loyalty and love.

The idea for the Funny Farm began with Zaleski’s mother, Annie, who left her abusive husband when Laurie was 5. The mother and children struggle with poverty, but Laurie watches as her mom builds a more authentic and independent life for herself, working in a succession of low-paying jobs but modeling toughness and optimism.

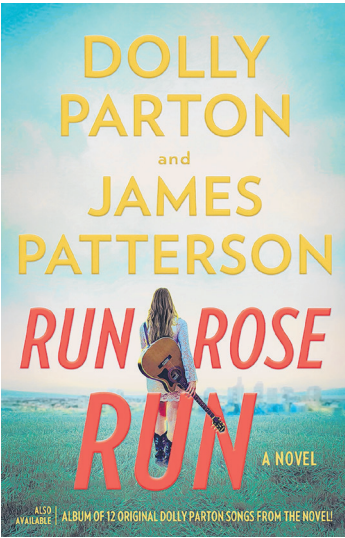
One of those jobs is cleaning cages at Animal Control. That’s when Annie starts bringing home “the desperate cases,” at first dogs and cats and then farm animals and more.

As for the animals, they too are survivors who have made it through trauma to find new lives and bonds. There’s the steer who’s inconsolable without his alpaca buddy nearby; the diva chicken; the horse who welcomes visitors; the blind cat and her devoted seeing-eye duck.

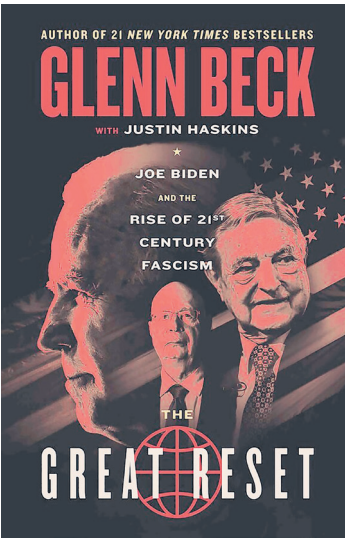
“Funny Farm’s” story makes an enjoyable read for animal lovers and anyone interested in a true story of a generous and unconventional life. — *Julia Rubin, Associated Press*

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION
1. **“Run, Rose, Run: A Novel” by Dolly Parton and James Patterson** (Little, Brown) *Last week: 1*



HARDCOVER NONFICTION
1. **“The Great Reset: Joe Biden and the Rise of Twenty-First-Century Fascism” by Glenn Beck** (Forefront) *Last week: 1*



For the week ended March 26, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— *Publishers Weekly*

- 2. **“The Recovery Agent” by Janet Evanovich** (Atria) *Last week: —*
- 3. **“The Paris Apartment” by Lucy Foley** (Morrow) *Last week: 4*
- 4. **“The Match” by Harlan Coben** (Grand Central) *Last week: 2*
- 5. **“Shadows Reel (A Joe Pickett Novel)” by C.J. Box** (Putnam) *Last week: 3*
- 6. **“French Braid” by Anne Tyler** (Knopf) *Last week: —*
- 7. **“A Sunlit Weapon” by Jacqueline Winspear** (Harper) *Last week: —*
- 8. **“A Safe House (A Stone Barrington Novel)” by Stuart Woods** (Putnam) *Last week: —*
- 9. **“One Italian Summer” by Rebecca Serle** (Atria) *Last week: 7*
- 10. **“High Stakes” by Danielle Steel** (Delacorte) *Last week: 5*

- 2. **“Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love” by Tony Robbins** (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 8*
- 3. **“You, Happier: The 7 Neuroscience Secrets of Feeling Good Based on Your Brain Type” by Daniel G. Amen** (Tyndale Refresh) *Last week: —*
- 4. **“Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience” by Brene Brown** (Random House) *Last week: 7*
- 5. **“Laptop from Hell: Hunter Biden, Big Tech, and the Dirty Secrets the President Tried to Hide” by Miranda Devine** (Post Hill) *Last week: 20*
- 6. **“One Damn Thing After Another: Memoirs of an Attorney General” by William P. Barr** (Morrow) *Last week: 4*
- 7. **“The Whole Body Reset: Your Weight-Loss Plan for a Flat Belly, Optimum Health & a Body You’ll Love at Midlife and Beyond” by Stephen Perrine** (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 26*
- 8. **“CEO Excellence: The Six Mindsets That Distinguish the Best Leaders from the Rest” by Carolyn Dewar, Scott Keller and Vikram Malhotra** (Scribner) *Last week: 3*
- 9. **“The Wok: Recipes and Techniques” by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt** (Norton) *Last week: 9*
- 10. **“I’ll Start Again Monday: Break the Cycle of Unhealthy Eating Habits with Lasting Spiritual Satisfaction” by Lysa TerKeurst** (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: 10*

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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, 8 P.M., ESPN

UConn (30-5)



Coach: Geno Auriemma (37th season; 11 national championships; last title in 2015-16)

Key players: Christyn Williams, 14.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg; Paige Bueckers, 14.7 ppg, 4.0 apg; Azzi Fudd, 12.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg

How they got here: UConn won Bridgeport Regional; beat Stanford in national semifinal, 63-58



South Carolina (34-2)

Coach: Dawn Staley (14th season; one national championship in 2016-17; three Final Four appearances)

Key players: Aliyah Boston, 16.8 ppg, 12.2 rpg; Destanni Henderson, 11.1 ppg, 3.9 apg; Zia Cooke, 10.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg

How they got here: South Carolina won Greensboro Regional; beat Louisville in national semifinal, 72-59

NO LOOKING BACK

Cash is in

Former All-American inducted into Hall of Fame; ex-Sun Whalen also gets call

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — As the UConn women's basketball team was preparing to play for a 12th national championship, one of their illustrious alums was invited to join basketball's ultimate circle of honor.

Swin Cash, an All-American who helped the Huskies win national championships in 2000 and 2002, was elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame. Joining her in the Hall's Class of '22 is Lindsay Whalen, who played for the WNBA's Connecticut Sun from 2004-09.

Cash, 42, has had a long career in basketball after her playing days ended and is now vice president of basketball operations and team development for the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans. After helping the Huskies to an historic 39-0 season in 2002, Cash played 15 seasons in the WNBA, winning two championships with Detroit and one with Minnesota. She also played on two Olympic gold medal teams, in 2004 and 2012. At UConn, Cash scored 1,583 points and in 2006 was among the first group inducted into the Huskies of Honor.

"I don't know that she said I'm going to be in the Hall of Fame someday, but I know that everything she's ever wanted, she's gotten it," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Now she's got what she deserves."

Whalen, 39, now the coach at the University of Minnesota, played 197 games for the Sun, averaging 11.6 points and 4.9 assists.

"She actually was my favorite point guard," said South Carolina coach Dawn Staley, who was on the Olympic team staff when Whalen played for USA Basketball. "I like how she's wired. I like the fact that she's so inquisitive. She's a Hall of Famer, but

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UConn's Evina Westbrook leads the way during a practice session on Saturday to prepare for the final round of the Women's Final Four NCAA tournament in Minneapolis. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

UConn post players will have their hands full with South Carolina's Aliyah Boston

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — On Thursday at the Target Center, Aliyah Boston was at the podium for every award ceremony.

Boston, South Carolina's 6-foot-5 junior forward, won the Wade Trophy, the AP Player of the Year and was named to the WBCA

All-America team. She already had won the Naismith Player of Year and was also the Naismith Defensive Player of the Year. This was on top of being named the SEC Player of the Year and she was also the MVP of the SEC Tournament. And she's a finalist for the Wooden Award.

"I don't think it's a stretch to say that she might be the hard-

est person in America to guard," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "She scores if there's one, two, three, four people on her. It doesn't matter. She's able to carve out the space she wants. She gets the ball on the rim whenever she wants. She rebounds whichever ball she goes after. She just has a knack.

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Coaches agree, past means nothing as UConn, South Carolina compete for a national championship

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — Neither UConn nor South Carolina has ever lost a national championship game in women's basketball.

UConn has more experience, playing in 11, winning its last title in 2016. South Carolina has only played in one, and won in 2017.

"We're 1-0, so we're 100 percent, too," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said to laughter in the press conference Saturday. "It comes down to UConn has had the most experience, so it doesn't faze them to be where they are."

"I think we're going to duke it out. There's no edge. There's no edge."

And as Staley pointed out, no players on either team have won a national title, so the history doesn't mean a lot. It will be settled at 8 p.m. on Sunday night.

"We're not going to be thinking about, [UConn coach Geno Auriemma] is not going to be thinking about, 'Oh, we're 11-0, we got the 12th one in the bag,'" Staley said. "We're not going to think, 'Oh, here's UConn. We're going to automatically win.' You can't go into games thinking that way. You've got to play. And we're going to play off of this year. We're not going to play their history."

Auriemma agreed.

"I think her team has a great chance to win a national championship," he said. "I think my team has a chance to win a national championship. But in terms of me personally or Dawn personally — I don't want to speak for Dawn — but I feel like once this game starts, you kind of relinquish about 80 percent of the control to the players, and they now have the ability to win it or they don't."

"You can coach the best game of your life and lose. You can make the most mistakes you've ever made coaching a game, and your team will find a way to win."

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KANSAS 81, VILLANOVA 65

Jayhawks cruise past Wildcats to title game

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kansas and Villanova waged a 3-point shooting contest at the Final Four with one of them racing out to a big lead in the opening minutes and the other spending the rest of the night trying in vain to catch up.

It all may sound familiar to basketball fans.

But in a rematch of a rout by the Wildcats four years ago in San Antonio, it was the Jayhawks

who joyously walked off the court with the win this time at the final buzzer Saturday night. David McCormack muscled his way for 25 points, Ochai Agbaji was nearly perfect from the field and finished with 21, and the lone No. 1 seed to reach the national semifinals rolled to an 81-65 victory.

"This is what we were planning to do that season," said Agbaji, who was 6 of 7 from beyond the arc. "Everyone that was on that team, this is for them and they know it just as much as us."

Now, the Jayhawks (33-6) hope to follow a familiar pattern against Duke or North Carolina on Monday night. The last three times the Jayhawks and Wildcats have met in the tournament, the winner has gone on to win it all.

Playing without injured guard Justin Moore, Villanova (31-7) watched as Kansas scored the game's first 10 points and eventually built a 19-point cushion. And despite big nights from Collin

Turn to Kansas, Page 5

Did you know?

More than 75% of drivers age 65 or older report using one or more medications, but less than one-third acknowledge awareness of the potential impact of the medications on driving performance.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn WBB: NCAA Championship vs. South Carolina, Sunday, 8 p.m.
Celtics: Wizards, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Bulls, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at Bucks, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Magic, Sunday, 6 p.m.; Nets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Wizards, Friday, 7 p.m.
Nets: Rockets, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Knicks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Cavaliers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Bruins: at Blue Jackets, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Red Wings, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Lightning, Friday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Flyers, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Devils, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Penguins, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Providence, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Charlotte, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Charlotte, Friday, 7 p.m.
Red Sox: at Yankees, Thursday, 1 p.m.; at Yankees, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Yankees, March 10, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Red Sox, Thursday, 1 p.m.; Red Sox, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Red Sox, March 10, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Nationals, Thursday, 4 p.m.; at Nationals, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Nationals, Saturday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Toyota Owners 400. (Live) FOX
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Wake Forest at Boston College. (Live) ACC
1 p.m.: Yankees at Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
1 p.m.: Texas at Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Marlins at Mets. (Live) MLB
1 p.m.: Red Sox at Braves. (Live) NESN
4 p.m.: Rockies at White Sox. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
1 p.m.: Wizards at Celtics. (Live) NBCSPB
1 p.m.: Mavericks at Bucks. (Live) ABC
3:30 p.m.: Nuggets at Lakers. (Live) ABC
3:30 p.m.: 3x3U National Championship. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: HBCU All-Star Game. (Live) CBS
6 p.m.: Knicks at Magic. (Live) MSG
7 p.m.: Heat at Raptors. (Live) SPRTNET, NBA
8 p.m.: NCAA Women's Tournament Final: UConn vs. South Carolina. (Live) ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU
9:30 p.m.: Pelicans at Clippers. (Live) NBA
BOWLING
1 p.m.: USBC Masters. (Live) FOX
EQUESTRIAN
3 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS1
FOOTBALL
4 p.m.: Louisville Spring Game. (Live) ACC
GOLF
1 p.m.: Valero Texas Open, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: Valero Texas Open, Final Round. (Live) NBC
2 p.m.: Rapiscan Systems Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
5 p.m.: The Chevron Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
4 p.m.: Texas Stars at Chicago Wolves. (Live) NHL
4 p.m.: Islanders at Devils. (Live) TNT
7 p.m.: Flyers at Rangers. (Live) NHL, MSGPlus
SOCCER
7 a.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer Rangers vs Celtic. (Live) CBSSN
8:55 a.m.: Fútbol Premier League West Ham vs. Everton. (Live) TELE
9 a.m.: Premier League Soccer West Ham United vs Everton. (Live) USA
9:25 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Como vs AC Monza 1912. (Live) FSP
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer FC Augsburg vs VfL Wolfsburg. (Live) SPRTNET
11 a.m.: Fútbol Premier League Tottenham vs. Newcastle. (Live) TELE
11:30 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Brescia vs Vicenza Calcio. (Same-day Tape) FSP
11:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Tottenham Hotspur vs Newcastle United. (Live) USA
12:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Toluca vs Puebla. (Live) UNI
2:45 p.m.: Serie A Juventus vs Internazionale Milan. (Live) CBSSN
4:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Portland Timbers. (Live) FS1
SOFTBALL
12 p.m.: Mississippi State at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
12 p.m.: Illinois at Minnesota. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: South Carolina at Missouri. (Live) SEC
4 p.m.: Georgia at Alabama. (Live) SEC
TENNIS
1 p.m.: ATP/WTN Tennis Miami Open, ATP Singles Final, WTA Doubles Final. (Live) TENNIS
WINTER SPORTS
3 p.m.: 2022 World Women's Curling Championship Final:

GIANTS

Daboll set to get to know his players

By Tom Rock
Newsday

NEW YORK — The start of the Giants’ voluntary offseason program on Monday gives the coaches their initial opportunity to teach the new playbooks to the players. First, though, head coach Brian Daboll wants his staff to do more learning than instructing. “One of the things I talked to the coaches about was let’s get to know these players,” Daboll said at the league meetings last week. “We haven’t really been around them. Let’s ask them about their families, what they like. It’s important to get to know one another.”

With only a handful of holdovers on a staff that beyond Daboll’s arrival also includes a new offensive coordinator (Mike Kafka) and defensive coordinator (Don “Wink” Martindale), X’s and O’s will take a back seat to the baby steps toward team bonding. “You’re going to be in a competitive situation and you’re going to face a lot of tough times in this league,” Daboll said. “You can lean on people when you have relationships with them. You’re building trust because there’s going to be tough times. I’ve gone through them in my career quite a bit where I’ve lost or had some really good times and you’re shar-



Daboll

ing them with the guys that you’re in the building with each day. You’re working hard to achieve a goal and fighting through some things that don’t go your way. I think that’s what brings people closer together.”

Daboll has gotten a head start on that since he was hired in January. He’s spent most of that tenure at the team facility rather than on the road scouting so he could be around for face-to-face meetings when players trickled in and out and also so he could spend as

much time as possible with the new coaching staff and new philosophies.

Those who haven’t yet been in the building to meet Daboll have most likely gotten a FaceTime call from him.

“I probably haven’t hit everybody, to be honest with you,” Daboll said. “I’ve talked to a few people just to introduce myself.”

Get to know them and let them get to know him, that’s what’s important to Daboll at this point in the offseason.

The rest of the stuff can wait. “There’s a long time to learn football and things like that,” he said. “We’ll get to that.”



Bruce Arians talks to quarterback Tom Brady before a game against the Carolina Panthers on Jan. 9 in Tampa, Fla. Arians has decided to retire as coach of the Buccaneers and move into a front-office role with the team, it was announced Wednesday night. MARK LOMOGGIO/AP FILE

NFL COMMENTARY

Chalk up another win for Brady in Arians’ surprise retirement

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

BOSTON — Bruce Arians was a no-show Tuesday morning at the NFL coaches breakfast at the NFL owners meetings. The explanation given was “personal reasons,” but now we know what happened:

He was stabbed in the back. Chalk up another win for Tom Brady, who in recent years has become more assertive about controlling his career after years of subservience to the Patriots. First, Brady famously came out on top when the Patriots traded Jimmy Garoppolo. Then he negotiated for his freedom from the Patriots, making sure that the team granted him free agency and couldn’t use the franchise tag.

Now it appears that Brady made Arians walk the plank after two seasons — and one Super Bowl victory — together.

Arians and the Buccaneers put on a happy face about his surprise retirement Wednesday night. They framed it as his choice to move into a role as senior football consultant. Arians, 69, said he had nothing left to prove in a coaching career that began in 1975 and has netted him three Super Bowl rings. He said he always had a succession plan in mind with Todd Bowles, and that with Brady and the Buccaneers’ core returning for 2022, this was “the right time to pass the torch.”

Brady also offered a glowing goodbye to his coach. He said on Instagram that it was a privilege to play for Arians, and congratulated Arians for “how you positively impacted me and everyone else in the game of football.”

But the events of recent weeks paint a far less rosy picture — one of Brady winning a power struggle and forcing his head coach into a retirement he wasn’t quite ready for.

On March 12, a still-retired Brady was in the United King-

dom, taking in the Manchester United soccer match with the Glazers, who own both Man U and the Bucs.

On March 13, Brady came out of retirement after just 40 days.

On March 30, the Bucs announced that Arians was out. Everyone else on staff stays.

It seems pretty clear to me that Brady either explicitly told the Glazers that he couldn’t play for Arians anymore, or the Glazers took the hint. Either way, Brady won.

It’s not as if Arians and the Bucs gave any indication that he was on the way out the door. At the NFL Combine, Arians went through the “media car wash” like all the other head coaches, giving a long press conference, then appearing on several TV and radio shows. This past week at the owners meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., Arians was a boisterous presence around the hotel Sunday and Monday, regaling his friends and wearing his gaudy Super Bowl ring.

Tuesday morning, he vanished. By Wednesday night, the move was official.

The Brady-Arians relationship always seemed a bit forced. They struggled to mesh their offenses in 2020 until Brady basically took the reins at the end of the season, leading to a Super Bowl victory.

Word of a rift between Brady and Arians emerged in February from, randomly enough, Rich Ohrnberger, Brady’s teammate in New England from 2009-11. Ohrnberger tweeted that Arians would undermine the work done by Brady and offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich in game planning, which caused the relationship to sour.

While it seems strange that a radio host in San Diego would have the pulse of the Bucs locker room, Ohrnberger is a former college teammate of and best friends with A.Q. Shipley, who was an offensive assistant with the Bucs last year.

Everybody loves Arians away from football. There’s no one you’d rather drink a beer with in the parking lot after the game, or sneak out for 18 holes with after practice.

But as a coach, he could be a little tough to handle, and a little too honest for his own good. It was common for Arians to criticize Brady in postgame press conferences, then walk it back Monday or Tuesday.

Brady always took it in stride, but no one likes to be aired out publicly. Brady had his issues with Bill Belichick, but Belichick always kept his criticism internal.

Arians, who went 31-18 in three seasons with the Bucs, is right in that this offseason is a good time for him to step aside. Most of the work was already being done by the Bucs’ two coordinators, Leftwich and Bowles. Arians had pulled back on his responsibilities in recent seasons because of health, and was more of a figurehead and team spokesman.

But Arians still got the bulk of the credit for the Bucs’ success, as much as he tried to deflect it to his assistants. Now it’s time for Bowles and Leftwich to get their turn in the spotlight, and run their units without Arians’s looming presence.

Bowles, 58, is well-regarded in NFL circles and deserved another head coaching opportunity despite his 26-40 record with the Jets. He also gives the NFL, struggling with its diversity record, a sixth minority head coach out of 32.

Leftwich, meanwhile, is a promising young coordinator who no longer has to deal with Arians’s shadow. He almost got the Jaguars head coaching job this year, and should get a head job before long.

The Bucs made the landing for Arians as soft as possible. Everyone loves “BA” the person, and no one wants to tarnish his image as he heads out the door.

Patriots acquire Dolphins WR Parker

By Andrew Callahan
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Patriots may have a new No. 1 wide receiver thanks to a division rival.

The Pats acquired Dolphins wideout DeVante Parker in a trade Saturday, a league source told the Herald. According to reports, the Patriots also added a 2022 fifth-round pick in the deal in exchange for a 2023 third-rounder. Parker became expendable after Miami traded for Chiefs All-Pro receiver Tyreek Hill and signed former Cowboys wideout Cedrick Wilson in free agency.

The 29-year-old finished with 40 catches for 515 yards and two touchdowns last season, a year interrupted by hamstring and shoulder injuries. Over his seven-year career, Parker has produced one 1,000-yard season, a 2019 campaign when he also set career highs in receptions (72) and receiving touchdowns (9). Since then, injuries have prevented the former first-round pick from topping 800 yards or 65 catches in a single season.

Parker has two years remaining on his contract, with modest base salaries of \$5.65 million this season and \$5.7 million in 2023. Adding Parker will reduce the Patriots’ current cap space close to zero. However, he helps address arguably the team’s biggest roster hole and grants the front office more flexibility heading into the draft.

Against the Patriots, Parker has consistently produced. Over a dozen head-to-head meetings, he’s averaged 50 yards and a touchdown per game. In 2019, he delivered arguably the best performance of his career during a shocking road upset that denied New England a first-round playoff bye. That afternoon, Parker dominated Stephon Gilmore, then an All-Pro and the future Defensive Player of the Year.

Months later, Pats coach Bill Belichick spoke highly of Parker before his 2020 season opener.

“He’s got a very, very good skill set. He’s a big athlete that runs well. Has good hands, good run after the catch ability, and good quickness for his size. So, he presents a lot of problems on deep balls,” Belichick said.



DeVante Parker makes a catch during warm-ups ahead of a game against the Patriots in Miami Gardens, Fla. WILLFREDO LEE/AP

Garland, Cavaliers cruise to 119-101 win over Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Darius Garland had 24 points and 13 assists to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 119-101 win over the New York Knicks on Saturday.

Garland led seven Cavaliers in double figures as Cleveland snapped a two-game losing streak.

Caris LeVert finished with 19 points. Moses Brown and Isaac Okoro each added 16. Brown also had 13 rebounds. Kevin Love had 15 off the bench. Cedi Osman and Lauri Markkanen both added 10 for

Cleveland.

After a four-game winning streak, New York has lost two straight.

Obi Toppin scored a career-high 20 points. Evan Fournier had 19. Immanuel Quickley scored 17 off the bench. RJ Barrett finished with 12, and Alec Burks had 11 for New York.

The Cavaliers never trailed in sweeping the regular-season series. Cleveland shot 54.3% from the field (44-for-81) and 44.1% from 3 in the matinee at Madison Square Garden.

New York was 31-for-77 from the field (40.3%) and 13-for-30 from 3 (43.3%).

But the Knicks were unable to score a go-ahead basket at any point. And Cleveland took every opportunity to build on its advantage including a 57-second sequence in the third quarter.

Barrett made one of two free throws to cut the deficit to 80-74. The Cavaliers responded with an Okoro tip-in, an Okoro 3, and a spectacular two-handed dunk from Brown to push the lead to 13.

The spurt increased into an 22-11 quarter-ending run, allowing Cleveland to enter the fourth with an 102-87 advantage.

Osman’s four-point play with 9:28 left put the game away.

Cleveland rookie Evan Mobley missed his third straight game with a sprained left ankle.

Randle likely done: New York star forward Julius Randle missed the game with an injured quadriceps, and coach Tom Thibodeau said before the game it is “most likely he will be out the rest of the way.” Randle, 27, averaged 20.1 points, 9.9 rebounds, and 5.1 assists in 72 games this season. “He’s had this nagging thing going on for awhile,” he said.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	48	30	.615	—
Philadelphia	47	30	.610	½
Toronto	45	32	.584	2½
Brooklyn	40	37	.519	7½
New York	34	44	.436	14
SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Miami	49	28	.636	—
Atlanta	40	37	.519	9
Charlotte	40	38	.513	9½
Washington	34	43	.442	15
Orlando	20	58	.256	29½
CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Milwaukee	48	29	.623	—
Chicago	45	32	.584	3
Cleveland	43	35	.551	5½
Indiana	25	53	.321	23½
Detroit	22	56	.282	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Memphis	55	23	.705	—
x-Dallas	48	30	.615	7
New Orleans	34	43	.442	20½
San Antonio	32	45	.416	22½
Houston	20	58	.256	35

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	46	31	.597	—
Denver	46	32	.590	½
Minnesota	44	34	.564	2½
Portland	27	50	.351	19
Oklahoma City	22	55	.286	24

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
z-Phoenix	62	15	.805	—
Golden State	48	29	.623	14
L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	24½
L.A. Lakers	31	46	.403	31
Sacramento	29	49	.372	33½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 144, Charlotte 114
Cleveland 119, New York 101
Brooklyn at Atlanta, late
Miami at Chicago, late
Utah at Golden State, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Milwaukee, 1p.m.
Washington at Boston, 1p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 3:30p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 5p.m.
New York at Orlando, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 9:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Orlando, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 102, Orlando 89
Washington 135, Dallas 103
Boston 128, Indiana 123
Detroit 110, Oklahoma City 101
L.A. Clippers 153, Milwaukee 119
Miami 122, Phoenix 114
Sacramento 122, Houston 117
San Antonio 130, Portland 111
Minnesota 136, Denver 130
New Orleans 114, L.A. Lakers 111

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through Friday	SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, LAL	56	640	254	1695	30.3	
Antetokounmpo, MIL	63	605	505	2818	30.1	
Embiid, PHI	63	600	605	1890	30.0	
Domic, DAL	61	604	329	1724	28.3	
Young, ATL	71	661	462	2000	28.2	
Rozean, CHI	72	739	493	2019	28.0	
Morant, MEM	56	573	311	1543	27.6	
Tatum, BOS	73	683	389	1977	27.1	
Booker, PHO	66	637	308	1757	26.6	
Jokic, DEN	71	715	365	1890	26.6	
Mitchell, UTA	64	596	251	1669	26.1	
Curry, GS	64	535	275	1630	25.5	
LaVine, CHI	64	543	308	1572	24.6	
Gilgeous-Alexandr, OKC	56	477	328	1371	24.5	
Towns, MIN	71	613	374	1743	24.5	
Brown, BOS	62	538	230	1462	23.6	
Fox, SAC	59	516	261	1367	23.2	
Siakam, TOR	64	547	259	1425	22.3	
Garland, CLE	63	500	199	1357	21.5	
Butler, MIA	54	377	373	1150	21.3	
Murray, SA	67	568	190	1421	21.2	
Edwards, MIN	68	510	201	1425	20.6	
Herrero, MIA	62	470	179	1280	20.6	
Bridges, CHA	75	564	249	1522	20.3	
Middleton, MIL	62	426	253	1258	20.3	

2022 BAKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

North American Committee: Hugh Evans, referee; Manu Ginobili, player; Tim Hardaway, player; Bob Huggins, coach; George Karl, coach.

Women's Committee: Swin Cash, player; Marianne Stanley, coach; Lindy-Say Whalen, player.

Direct Elect Members

Veterans Direct Elect Committee: Lou Hudson, player.

Direct Elect Contributor Committee: Larry Costello, contributor; Del Harris, contributor.

Women's Veterans Direct Elect Committee: Theresa Shank-Grentz, player.

International Direct Elect Committee: Radivoj Korac, player.

TENNIS

MIAMI OPEN

at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla., hardcourt outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL

#2 Iga Swiatek 4, 6-4, 6-0.
Naomi Osaka 6-4, 6-0.

SUNDAY MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

#6Casper Ruud vs.
#14 Carlos Alcaraz, 1p.m.

ANDALUCIA OPEN

At Club de Tennis Puente Romano, Marbella, Spain, outdoors-hard

MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

Pedro Cachin d.
#3 Pablo Andujar, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.
#6Jaume Munar d.
#4Jiri Vesely, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

#3Mayar Sherif d.
#1Danka Kovinic, 7-5, 7-6(4).
Tamara Korpatsch d.
Oceane Dodin, 6-1, 7-6(3).

ODDS

NBA FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	SUNDAY UNDERDOG	+LINE
at Boston	12½	(221½)	Washington	+136
at Milwaukee	off	(off)	Dallas	+205
Denver	3½	(off)	at LA Lakers	+240
at Indiana	1	(off)	Detroit	+148
New York	4	(off)	at Orlando	+146
Philadelphia	4½	(224½)	at Cleveland	+146
at San Antonio	14½	(off)	Portland	+146
Phoenix	16	(off)	at Okla. City	+146
at Toronto	3	(212½)	Miami	+146
Minnesota	12½	(243)	at Houston	+146
at Sacramento	off	(off)	Golden State	+146
at LA Clippers	3	(off)	New Orleans	+146

NHL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	+LINE
at Ottawa	-164	Detroit	+136
at Buffalo	-255	at Buffalo	+205
New York	-176	at New Jersey	+146
at N.Y. Rangers	-300	Philadelphia	+240
at Chicago	-192	Arizona	+158
Las Vegas	-128	at Vancouver	+106
at Washington	-140	Minnesota	+116
Edmonton	-210	at Anaheim	+172
Dallas	-130	at Seattle	+172

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	68	47	15	6	100	282	201			
Tampa Bay	67	43	18	6	92	224	187			
Toronto	67	43	19	5	91	252	204			
Boston	67	42	20	5	89	212	181			
Detroit	68	26	33	9	61	195	263			
Buffalo	69	25	33	11	61	190	243			
Ottawa	67	24	35	8	54	176	219			
Montreal	68	18	39	11	47	173	258			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	68	45	15	8	98	229	161			
N.Y. Rangers	69	44	20	5	93	211	181			
Pittsburgh	70	41	19	10	92	233	188			
Washington	68	37	21	10	84	225	197			
N.Y. Islanders	67	31	27	9	71	186	183			
Columbus	68	32	31	5	69	221	255			
New Jersey	68	24	38	6	54	210	254			
Philadelphia	67	21	35	11	53	172	237			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Colorado	69	49	14	6	104	262	189			
Minnesota	66	41	20	5	87	244	207			
St. Louis	67	37	20	10	84	239	197			
Nashville	68	39	25	4	82	224	199			
Dallas	66	38	25	3	79	195	196			
Winnipeg	69	33	26	10	76	215	216			
Chicago	69	24	35	10	58	186	244			
Arizona	68	21	42	5	47	173	247			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	67	40	18	9	89	234	165			
Los Angeles	70	37	23	10	84	202	200			
Edmonton	69	39	25	5	83	243	224			
Vegas	70	38	28	4	80	224	208			
Vancouver	69	32	28	9	73	196	199			
Anaheim	70	28	30	12	68	198	224			
San Jose	67	29	30	8	66	177	213			
Seattle	68	21	41	6	48	178	241			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 7, New Jersey 6(OT)
Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 2
Columbus at Boston, late
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, late
Minnesota at Carolina, late
Montreal at Tampa Bay, late
Toronto at Philadelphia, late
St. Louis at Calgary, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Ottawa, 1p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 1p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 4p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Vegas at Vancouver, 7p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 8p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Columbus, 7p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Buffalo 4, Nashville 3
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago 2
Ottawa 5, Detroit 2
Edmonton 6, St. Louis 5(OT)
Vegas 5, Seattle 2
Anaheim 5, Arizona 0

BASEBALL

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Houston	8	4	.667
Los Angeles	9	5	.643
Baltimore	8	5	.615
Kansas City	8	5	.615
Texas	7	5	.583
Toronto	7	5	.583
Boston	9	7	.563
Chicago	8	7	.533
Cleveland	7	7	.500
Seattle	6	6	.500
New York	7	8	.467
Minnesota	7	9	.438
Detroit	5	8	.385
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385
Oakland	4	9	.308
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	9	6	.600
Miami	7	5	.583
St. Louis	7	5	.583
Pittsburgh	6	5	.545
Philadelphia	7	6	.538
Arizona	8	8	.500
San Francisco	7	7	.462
Atlanta	6	6	.500
New York	6	6	.500
San Diego	6	6	.500
Cincinnati	6	7	.462
Colorado	6	8	.429
Milwaukee	5	7	.417
Los Angeles	4	7	.364
Washington	2	10	.167

Ties not included in standings

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Baltimore 2, Detroit 0(6)
N.Y. Yankees 10, Atlanta 0
Minnesota 8, Tampa Bay 2
Philadelphia 2, Toronto 2(6)
Pittsburgh 7, Boston 2
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Angels 4
San Francisco 10, L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 11, Oakland 11
San Diego vs. Cincinnati, late
Cleveland vs. Arizona, late
Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona, late
Milwaukee vs. Seattle, late
St. Louis vs. Houston, ppd.
Washington vs. Miami, ppd.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Boston vs. Atlanta, 1:05p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota, 1:05p.m.
Detroit vs. Philadelphia, 1:05p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh, 1:05p.m.
Houston vs. Washington, 1:05p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto, 1:07p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Mets, 1:10p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Oakland, 4:05p.m.
Seattle vs. Kansas City, 4:05p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Arizona, 4:10p.m.
Texas vs. Milwaukee, 4:10p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland, 9:05p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 9:05p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Baltimore 3, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 2
Houston 2, Miami 1
Minnesota 8, Atlanta 7
Toronto 6, Pittsburgh 6
St. Louis 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 3
Texas 7, San Francisco 7
Oakland 12, Chicago White Sox 4
Arizona (ss) 6, Chicago Cubs (ss) 0
L.A. Angels 7, Cincinnati 6
Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs (ss) 3
Cleveland 5, Arizona (ss) 1
San Diego 4, Kansas City 2
Colorado 2, Seattle 1

NFL

FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER

Draft: April 28-30 in Paradise, Nev.

2	Detroit Lions	3-13-1	.528
3	Houston Texans	4-13	.498
4	N.Y. Jets	4-13	.512
5	N.Y. Giants	4-13	.536
6	Carolina Panthers	5-12	.509
7	N.Y. Giants (from Chi)	6-11	.524
8	Atlanta Falcons	7-10	.472
9	Seattle (from Den)	7-10	.484
10	N.Y. Jets (from Sea)	7-10	.519
11	Washington Comm.	7-10	.529
12	Minnesota Vikings	8-9	.507
13	Philadelphia (from Cle)	8-9	.514
14	Baltimore Ravens	8-9	.531
15	Philadelphia (from Mia)	9-8	.464
16	Philadelphia (from Ind)	9-8	.495
17	L.A. Chargers	9-8	.510
18	New Orleans Saints	9-8	.512
19	Philadelphia Eagles	9-8	.469
20	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-7-1	.521
21	New England Patriots	10-7	.481
22	Green Bay (from LV)	10-7	.510
23	Arizona Cardinals	11-6	.490
24	Dallas Cowboys	12-5	.488
25	Buffalo Bills	12-5	.472
26	Tennessee Titans	12-5	.472
27	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	13-4	.467
28	Green Bay Packers	13-4	.479
29	KC (from SF via Mia)	10-7	.500
30	Kansas City Chiefs	12-5	.538
31	Cincinnati Bengals	10-7	.472
32	Detroit (from LA Rams)	12-5	.483

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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT UCONN 63, STANFORD 58 (LATE FRIDAY)

Huskies grind out Final Four victory over Stanford

By **Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — The UConn women's basketball team has never lost a national championship game, but the Huskies have had trouble getting there the last few years. It's been a long drought since 2016 for a program that has won 11 titles.

But Friday night, UConn was back. The Huskies held off defending champion Stanford 63-58 in front of 18,268 at the Target Center to advance to the national championship game Sunday, where the Huskies will face South Carolina at 8 p.m. Paige Bueckers led UConn (30-5) with 14 points, Evina Westbrook had 12 and Christyn Williams had 10.

"I said the other day, points are hard to come by in this tournament," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Today was no different. You're going to have to win some other way. You just have to tough it out. You have to rebound



Head coach Geno Auriemma of the UConn Huskies celebrates after defeating the Stanford Cardinal 63-58. **ELSA/GETTY**

the ball better, play defense better, get to the loose balls, make the free throws.

"We did the things we needed to do when we had to do them. We came up big. It was pretty remarkable, to be honest with you."

The UConn seniors — Westbrook, Williams and Olivia Nelson-Ododa — simply didn't want their careers to end. Each struggled in their own way at times, but each also came up with big plays to fuel the win. "We knew it was going to be a

tough one," Westbrook said. "Stanford's a great team. They put up a great fight, it was a great game. But at the same time, in the back of our minds, we knew what we needed to do to win this game and I think our defense was the biggest emphasis for us, especially in that second half."

Westbrook had nine points in the first half. Williams, who struggled to shoot much of the game, going 3 for 13 from the field, hit a 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter and another early in the fourth. Nelson-Ododa, who picked up her fourth foul with 4:22 left in the game, had a big basket and free throws early in the fourth quarter. She ended up with 10 rebounds and eight points.

"I thought Nelson-Ododa was extremely aggressive," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "She had five O-boards. She played really well for them and she was extremely physical."

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UCONN 63, STANFORD 58												
UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Bueckers	34	7-13	0-0	4	5	1	14					
Williams	33	3-13	2-2	2	2	0	10					
Edwards	19	3-6	3-4	8	2	3	9					
Nelson-Ododa	30	2-6	4-5	10	2	4	8					
Fudd	27	2-8	4-4	4	0	2	8					
Westbrook	31	3-9	3-4	6	2	4	12					
Muhl	18	1-2	0-1	8	0	2	2					
Ducharme	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0					
TOTALS	—	21-57	16-20	46	14	16	63					
Three-point goals: 5-14, 35.7 (Westbrook 3-5, Williams 2-6, Bueckers 0-1, Fudd 0-2). FG pct.: 36.8. FT pct.: 80.0. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 19 (Bueckers 5, Edwards 3, Nelson-Ododa 3, Fudd 3, Westbrook 2, Muhl 2, Williams). Blocks: 2 (Bueckers, Westbrook). Steals: 5 (Bueckers 2, Williams, Fudd, Muhl).												
Stanford	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Jones	40	8-21	4-5	11	3	3	20					
Brink	27	6-14	3-4	7	0	4	15					
Le. Hull	37	2-12	0-2	2	0	2	4					
La. Hull	40	1-4	0-0	9	1	2	3					
Wilson	17	0-1	1-2	1	2	0	1					
Prechtel	8	2-6	0-0	1	1	0	6					
Jump	20	2-5	0-0	1	2	3	5					
Belibi	8	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	4					
Emma-Nnoku	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0					
Van Gytenbeek	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0					
Iriafen	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0					
TOTALS	—	23-66	8-13	37	10	16	58					
Three-point goals: 4-23, 17.4 (Prechtel 2-6, La. Hull 1-2, Jump 1-4, Brink 0-1, Wilson 0-1, Le. Hull 0-4, Jones 0-5). FG pct.: 34.8. FT pct.: 61.5. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 11 (Le. Hull 3, Jones 2, Brink 2, La. Hull 2, Jump 2, Belibi, Iriafen). Blocks: 3 (Brink 2, Prechtel). Steals: 11 (Brink 3, Le. Hull 3, La. Hull 2, Jones, Wilson, Emma-Nnoku).												
UConn	12	15	12	24	—	63						
Stanford	9	17	11	21	—	58						
Officials: Cross, Vaszily, Barlow. Site: 18,268 at Target Center, Minneapolis, Minn.												

UConn

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On Friday night, UConn topped defending national champions Stanford, 63-58 in the semifinal game in which defense played a prominent role. South Carolina had an easier time with Louisville in the first semifinal, winning 72-59. Aliyah Boston, the Gamecocks' 6-foot-5 junior forward who won a slew of awards Thursday, including the Wade Trophy as player of the year, had a monster game with 23 points and 18 rebounds.

Trying to contain Boston will be a chore for UConn.

"How do we guard her? I don't know. I'm open for suggestions," Auriemma said.

Boston had 22 points and 15 rebounds when the two teams played Nov. 22 at the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas with South Carolina winning 73-57. South Carolina has beaten UConn two of the last three times the teams have faced each other.

"The Bahamas game was eons ago," Staley said. "What did we take it from it? We're going to watch it a little bit because I liked how we were defending, and we can compare what it looks like from back in November to what it looks like now. I think we've gotten better, but we did a pretty good job in the Bahamas.

"We'll look at it just probably to get our players' juices flowing a little bit to see this is what we did. This is the kind of effort and more that it's going to take to basically dethrone Connecticut and all the things that they've done and the incredible percentage of winning when they're in a national championship game."

UConn will likely score more than the three points in the fourth quarter they got in the Bahamas. This team has grown since then, become battle hardened by adversity and has more depth due to injuries they have suffered. The defense has improved as the postseason has gone on. Before Friday's game, the consensus was that Stanford had a better post game and more experience than UConn but the Huskies held the rebound edge and only two Cardinal players ended up in double figures (Haley Jones with 20 and Cameron Brink with 15).

"I think we get a lot of confidence from that," UConn senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa said. "If we just stay out of foul trouble, that will help us. And play smart defense."

With Dorka Juhasz out with a broken wrist, the Huskies were limited in their depth in the post Friday. But senior Evina Westbrook made a big contribution, playing 31 minutes and scoring 12 points with six rebounds. She added a big block in the first quar-

ter that got the team fired up.

"E' steps up in the biggest moments, we can count on her for that, she comes through and I think she thrives in those moments," Nelson-Ododa said. "You could see that last night. She was all over the place. That was exactly what we needed."

Juhasz, who had surgery Wednesday, flew to Minneapolis Friday and her appearance also fired up her teammates.

"For her to be able to come out here, it was uncomfortable for her, coming on the flight, just out of surgery," Nelson-Ododa said. "She was able to see us and support us. She really didn't have to. We're so thankful we can be here with her."

And while UConn will have to deal with Boston, South Carolina will have to try and stop Paige Bueckers, who led UConn Friday night with 14 points and had five assists and two steals.

"They're a great transition team," South Carolina point guard Destanni Henderson said. "We're going to have to make sure our defense is top tier; make sure we all get back and execute defensively."

"Their guards are dominant and a lot of their points come from their guards, so the guard matchup defensively is going to have to be extremely aggressive on our side."

The Basics

NCAA Championship

Site: Target Center, Minneapolis

Time: 8 p.m.

Series: UConn leads, 9-2

Last meeting: South Carolina 73-57, at Paradise Island, Bahamas, Nov. 23, 2021

TV: ESPN (Ryan Ruocco, Rebecca Lobo, Andraya Carter, Holly Rowe)

Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

South Carolina (34-2) probable starters, sixth player: Destanni Henderson, G, 5-7, Sr.; Zia Cooke, G, 5-9, Jr.; Brea Beal, G, 6-1, Jr.; Aliyah Boston, F, 6-5, Jr.; Victaria Saxton, F, 6-2, Sr.; Saniya Rivers, G, 6-1, Fr.

UConn (30-5) probable starters, sixth player: Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Paige Bueckers, G, 5-11, So.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.;

The matchup

UConn's offense: Bueckers' pull-up jumpers and Westbrook's threes kept UConn afloat against

Stanford in the semifinals, then the Huskies cashed in big at the line. The rebounding, especially offensively, from Nelson-Ododa and Edwards has been a huge factor in this tournament, but will be hard to sustain against Boston and the Gamecocks.

UConn's defense: The Huskies played a fabulous defensive game against Stanford but got into foul trouble, a factor with Juhasz out. Look for Nika Muhl to come off the bench if the Huskies have trouble guarding at the perimeter.

South Carolina's offense: Boston, who swept the major player of the year awards, averages 17.0 points and 13.4 rebounds, really cleaning up on the offensive boards. She had 22 points and 15 rebounds vs. UConn last time. Henderson (15 points) and Cooke (17) also hurt the Huskies in November.

South Carolina's defense: Auriemma calls it the best in the country. The Gamecocks out-rebound their opponents by 17.4 per game, holding them to 50.7 points, 33.0 percent from the floor, 26.7 on threes.

UConn keys: The Huskies will have to guard Boston, maybe the toughest player to guard in the country, without Nelson-Ododa or Edwards getting into foul trouble.

Players to watch: Last year's player of the year, Bueckers, and this year's, Boston, play different positions, but both will have to perform big for their team to win.

About South Carolina's coach: One of the legendary coaches in the game, Staley, 51, has led the Gamecocks to three Final Four appearances, including a national championship in 2017. She is the first person to win the Naismith Award as both a player (at Virginia) and a coach. Staley was named the head coach of the U.S. national team in 2017 and guided the USA to gold in the Tokyo Olympics this past summer. Her head coaching record at Temple and South Carolina is 537-185 (74.4 percent)

South Carolina's mascot: Cocky, a rooster with a very flat beak.

Famous alumni: NBA Hall of Famer Alex English, basketball coach Mike Dunleavy Sr., football coach Mark Dantonio, TV anchor Rita Cosby, Red Sox player Jackie Bradley Jr. and former Met Mookie Wilson.

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Swin Cash, right, and Sue Bird celebrate a UConn tournament win in 2000. Cash was officially inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday. **FILE**

Swin

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the questions that she asks, the cerebral part, she needed to have a true understanding of what our coaching staff needed, and she was unafraid to ask the questions. That is why she's going to be inducted into the Hall of Fame."

Former NBA stars Manu Ginobili and Tim Hardaway, as well as coaches George Karl, Bob Huggins and Marianne Stanley and long-time NBA official Hugh Evans are also part of the class.

The new Hall of Famers will be enshrined Sept. 9-10.

When Cash played for UConn, Auriemma called her "Swin Cash, Inc.," because of her drive to succeed in other walks of life. She has been successful in business as well as in building a career as an NBA executive.

Boston

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"And I think when you can anchor your team with that, then you can go into every game as a coach pretty confident that you might not have other pieces working that day, but you got that piece working. That's the most important. I think she's the most important person in the country in terms of what she does for her team."

Boston and her South Carolina team, ranked No. 1 in the polls all year, will face UConn in the national championship game Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Target Center.

"I'm really excited," said Boston, who has averaged 18 points and 15 rebounds in the NCAA Tournament. "We're blessed to be able to be here and we're ready to rock and roll on Sunday."

"I think I've been doing the same thing all year, just being consistent. I'm just going to make sure I'm dominant going into this game on Sunday."

UConn will have its hands full defending Boston, who leads the

country in double-doubles (29) and is fifth in rebounding (12.4) while averaging 17 points per game.

She had 23 points and 18 rebounds in the Gamecocks' 72-59 win over Louisville in the national semifinal Friday night. In the regional semifinal win against North Carolina on March 25, she had 28 points and 22 rebounds.

"It's definitely the double-double threat," UConn sophomore Aaliyah Edwards said. "She's aggressive on the boards. Aggressive inside. It's about limiting her touches inside, not giving them second shot opportunities."

The Huskies' post players have played a number of physical games lately against good players but, as always, they will need to stay out of foul trouble.

"She's really super physical," UConn senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa said. "They look to get the ball into her almost every possession, that's something that L'Yah Edwards and I will have to defend. It's going to be a team effort."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP UCONN VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

Veteran broadcaster Antonelli breaks it down

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

MINNEAPOLIS — We asked Debbie Antonelli, a national college basketball analyst for ESPN and other networks, to break down the national championship matchup between UConn and South Carolina. Antonelli is working as an analyst for Westwood One radio at her 26th Final Four this weekend and will be covering Sunday's national championship game at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Antonelli, who played for legendary coach Kay Yow at NC State in the mid-80s, was inducted into the NC State Sports Hall of Fame last year and will be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame this summer.

Here's how Antonelli breaks down Sunday's game:

How does UConn stop South Carolina's consensus national player of the year Aliyah Boston?

Antonelli: She's 6-5, she gets great position, she rebounds 50 percent of her misses and she can score through a double team. You have to box her out, limit her touches and it's the quality of her catch. The deeper she is, the more impossible she is to defend. You got to push her up the lane. When she catches it in the high post area, let her do what she wants, she's not really that much of a threat. She does have 3-point range but I would take my chances on that.

She can get an and-one and get your whole front line in foul trouble. When you watch her play, one of the numbers people don't talk about is the number of personal fouls she draws on the opposing team. That's a problem for UConn without Dorka [Juhasz].

Keys to the win for UConn?

They have to play fast. They have to score in transition before the length of South Carolina becomes a factor. If you go punch for punch for them, South Carolina is just physically bigger and stronger and longer. Destanni Henderson has more quickness than anybody on UConn's team. If you let them do what they want to do defensively, that's the challenge.

The wonderful thing about Geno [Auriemma] in this environment is that they've always scored. They always find a way to score. If you can faceguard [Paige Bueckers] and take her out, that's one thing I might consider. All over the floor. I don't know if Dawn [Staley] will do that. She will have Henderson on her. She guarded her in the Bahamas, too. They have to score in transition. They have to



UConn's Paige Bueckers reacts after drawing a charge during the second half of a game in the semifinal round of the Women's NCAA Tournament on Friday against Stanford. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**



South Carolina's Aliyah Boston passes during a practice session for a game in the the Women's NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Minneapolis. **ERIC GAY/AP**

limit South Carolina's offensive rebounds. You have to have someone else like Evina Westbrook who made shots [Friday].

What is the most intriguing matchup?

To me, it's 'Can Destanni Henderson affect Paige?'

Do you think UConn has an advantage with its history of 11 national titles?

They have Geno and he has already put them through every scenario, every situation, anything you can possibly experience inside a game. There's not a situation in the game they are going to be uncom-



Louisville's Hailey Van Lith fouls South Carolina's Destanni Henderson during the second half of the semifinal round of the Women's NCAA tournament on Friday in Minneapolis. **ERIC GAY/AP**

fortable with. He has put them through everything they could possibly need to be able to win.

Who will win?

I think South Carolina has a chance to win. They've been the best team all year. [UConn's] adversity has made them stronger. I think Dawn [Staley] has

something, they got something this year with their connectivity. They didn't get to play in the COVID year and then last year, the last-second [loss to Stanford in the national semifinal]. It might be their turn.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Final Four sparks debate of what merits blueblood status

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — North Carolina has won six national championships and reached more Final Fours than any program in college basketball. Duke has claimed five titles under retiring coach Mike Krzyzewski and Kansas just surpassed Kentucky for the most wins in the history of the game on its way to the Final Four.

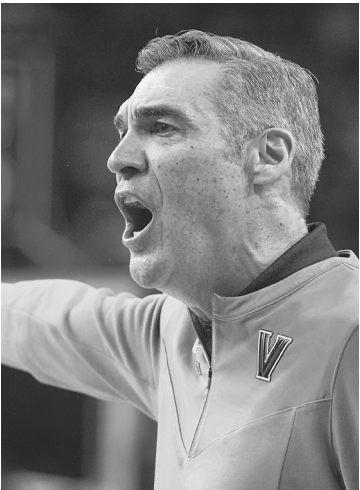
Nobody disputes the blueblood status of any of those programs.

The controversy — or just the conversation — really picks up when the discussion turns to Villanova, which joined the Tar Heels, Blue Devils and Jayhawks this weekend in New Orleans. They've reached their seventh Final Four and are chasing their fourth national title, which would put them on par with UConn and one behind Duke and Indiana.

"I do feel something about being here with them. Hell yeah. We have great respect for them," acknowledged coach Jay Wright, who has led the Wildcats to the past two titles in 2016 and 2018 after Rollie Massimino delivered the first in 1985.

"But we never aspire to be one of those programs," Wright continued. "In fact, we fight the urge to try to be like them, because we're just so different. We try to be the best Villanova we can be. But when people on the outside connect us to them or count us as part of their legacy or tradition, we love it, because we have so much respect for them."

If what Villanova has accomplished over the past four decades isn't enough to achieve blueblood



Villanova head coach Jay Wright directs his players during the first half of the semifinal game against Kansas. **BRYNN ANDERSON/AP**

status, then what does it take?

A quick survey of a dozen people at the Final Four on Friday, including players and coaches for each of the national semifinalists, the definitions varied.

Former players and coaches, fanbases, venues and success was a big part of every definition. But the three elements that came up most often were history, culture and consistency.

"I feel like bluebloods are the best of the best," the Jayhawks' Joseph Yesufu said. "It's a tradition."

The Tar Heels easily check off every box: Michael Jordan and Tyler Hansbrough were among their many stars on the court, and Frank McGuire, Dean Smith and Roy Williams led them to titles spanning six decades. They trail only the Jayhawks and Kentucky

on the wins list heading into their national semifinal against Duke on Saturday night, and if mystique is a requirement, head to the Dean Smith Center and watch first-year coach Hubert Davis stalking along the sideline.

Or watch them play just down the road at Duke, which also checks every box. Coach K has turned a program that started to hoop in 1905 into a juggernaut, featuring everyone from Christian Laettner and Shane Battier to JJ Redick and Bobby Hurley, and there are few atmospheres that can rival Cameron Indoor Stadium on a cold winter's day.

One of them is Allen Fieldhouse, where Kansas plays on a floor named for the inventor of the game — it doesn't get much more historic than that. And while the Jayhawks have struggled to hang championship banners, losing more title games than anyone else, that hasn't damaged the perception that their program belongs among the elite.

"Our program, without question, it's one of the top programs in the country," Kansas coach Bill Self said, "and nobody can debate that at all."

But to be thought of as the equal of anybody else, we have to cut down nets on Monday night, and we need to do more of that."

Like Kentucky, with its eight titles spread among four coaches over seven decades. Or UCLA, which holds the record with 11 titles between John Wooden and Jim Harrick. Just about every basketball fan agrees they are basketball bluebloods.

Now bring up Indiana, or Big Ten rivals Michigan State and Ohio State, and let the debating begin.

Kansas

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Gillespie, Brandon Slater and Jermaine Samuels, the short-handed and undersized Wildcats never made it all the way back.

Gillespie, playing in his 156th and final game for the Wildcats, hit five 3-pointers and finished with 17 points, while Slater hit four 3s and had 16 points. Samuels finished with 13 points in the final game of his career.

Each team finished with 13 3-pointers, and the 26 made shots from beyond the arc set a record for a Final Four game, topping the 25 that the same two teams made in 2018 at the Alamodome.

Unlike that night, though, it was the Jayhawks who pounced on Villanova at the start, trying to run ragged a team whose depth problems were only compounded by the loss of Moore, who tore his Achilles tendon in the regional finals.

The Jayhawks applied pressure the moment Villanova inbounded the ball. They unleashed traps in half-court, something they rarely did in the regular season. And they twice picked the pocket of Gillespie, the two-time Big East player of the year, leading to easy baskets and a 10-0 lead before some of the 70,000-plus fans had even found their seats.

"We got off to such a great start in large part because of how we shot the ball," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Whenever Agbaji, the Big 12 player of the year, wasn't enjoying the soft rims of the Superdome to knock down 3s, the 6-foot-10, 250-pound McCormack was having his way with the undersized Wildcats in the paint.

The Jayhawks' lead soon stretched to 15 midway through the first half before Jay Wright finally called timeout.

His counterpart could probably relate: In a game that Self has

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Kansas coach Bill Self

been loath to rewatch, the Wildcats raced to a 22-4 lead out of the gates four years ago and cruised to a Final Four blowout en route to their third national title.

"This is legit revenge for 2018," tweeted the Mavericks' Jalen Brunson, who had a big role for Villanova that night.

Daniels and Gillespie did everything they could to rewrite the finish.

Daniels, the New Orleans native who began his career down the road at Tulane, kept making hustle plays around the basket, and Gillespie, the blue-collar kid from Philadelphia, was able to knock down a couple of contested 3s.

The Jayhawks still led 50-34 early in the second half when Wright went to a smaller lineup and ramped up the pressure on defense.

The result was three consecutive turnovers, and quick 3-pointers by Slater and Antoine — the seldom-used guard who absorbed many of Moore's minutes — that allowed Villanova to trim the lead to single digits.

McCormack finally made them pay for going small with a rim-rattling dunk that gave Kansas control again with 10:25 to play.

The Wildcats had one last run in them, getting a three-point play from Samuels to close within 64-58 with just over 6 minutes left. But McCormack once more answered for Kansas, and Braun followed his own bucket with a deep fadeaway 3 as the shot-clock expired, giving the Jayhawks plenty of breathing room down the stretch.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Scherzer suffers hamstring injury



Mets ace Max Scherzer is dealing with a hamstring issue and isn't sure when he'll pitch next, another frustrating setback for the top of the Mets' heralded but suddenly fragile rotation. A day after the Mets said star Jacob deGrom will miss significant time with a shoulder injury, Scherzer was scratched from his outing Saturday morning in a simulated game. Just five days away from opening day, Scherzer said he wasn't sure about the immediate plans. The three-time Cy Young Award winner said he doesn't expect the trouble with his right hamstring to be long-term. "Don't know," Scherzer said when asked when he'd pitch again. "I've had these little hamstring injuries before. They go away in days. Fortunately enough I've been pretty good to not have serious hamstring injuries. I've had just little hiccups. I think this is the same thing. For me, it's just a day-to-day thing ... but when you're dealing with hammies, you never know." Mets manager Buck Showalter said he would lean on the 37-year-old for advice going forward, but added Scherzer was still in consideration for the opening day nod.

Medvedev to have hernia surgery



U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev expects to be sidelined for one to two months after having hernia surgery. The No. 2-ranked man in tennis wrote on Twitter on Saturday that he has been dealing with "a small hernia" in recent months. "Together with my team I have decided to have a small procedure done to fix the problem," the post said. "I will likely be out for the next 1-2 months and will work hard to be back on court soon." That timeline suggests Medvedev likely will miss the next Grand Slam tournament, the French Open, which begins on May 22. He reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year after losing in the first round in each of his first four appearances there. The 26-year-old Russian briefly reached No. 1 in the ATP rankings for the first time in February, before Novak Djokovic regained the top spot. Medvedev beat Djokovic in the U.S. Open final last September, then lost to Rafael Nadal in the final of the Australian Open in January. At his most recent two tournaments, Medvedev dropped his second match at Indian Wells and in the quarterfinals of the Miami Open.

Yandle's 'Iron Man' streak snapped



The Flyers scratched defenseman Keith Yandle for Saturday's game against the Maple Leafs, ending the NHL's Iron Man record for consecutive games played at 989. The 35-year-old Yandle started his streak March 26, 2009, with the Coyotes. He passed retired center Doug Jarvis for the mark of 965 games on Jan. 25 against the Islanders. Yandle was a healthy scratch. The Flyers are one of the worst teams in the NHL and looking at a youth movement down the stretch. "We're at the point in the season where as an organization it's important we get some young players in," Flyers coach Mike Yeo said. "We have to have an eye on the future and what's coming down the road." Coyotes forward Phil Kessel now has longest active streak at 968. "It's kind of been one of those things toward the end of the year when you're signing young guys and getting free agents out of college, they're going to give them a chance to play," Yandle said after Saturday morning's skate. "It's tough to have a bad day in the NHL. But getting the news you're not playing is not what you want to hear." —Associated Press



Denny Hamlin sits in his car during qualifying for the Toyota Owners 400 on Saturday. JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

NASCAR PREVIEW

The home truth

Hamlin desperately needs breakthrough at Richmond

By Hank Kurz
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Denny Hamlin would love to think that a visit to his home track will produce a finish that finally gets his season heading in the right direction. The problem for Hamlin, his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates and seemingly all the drivers in Toyotas is they are having a difficult time figuring out NASCAR's Next Gen car, making their extensive success at Richmond Raceway nearly meaningless. Hamlin stands 22nd in points after six races and has failed to finish three races. With trying the figure out the new car, every week is like starting over. "We are decent, but we are not where we have been for the last three years. We are trying to find that point where we are good, and we can build off of that," he said. Teammate Martin Truex Jr., who won on the 0.75-mile, D-shaped oval last fall, feels coming to Richmond means arriving with expectations but without much reason because everything is different with the new car. "Whatever you think you knew and the way you thought about these tracks before and the way you approach these things -- just forget about it, because this is a whole new ballgame with this car and everything," he said. "Forget everything you knew in the past and

focus on what it takes to make this thing go, which we are still trying to figure out." Truex's team has figured out enough to finish in the top 10 three times in the first six races, good for seventh in the point standings. Hamlin, who had 25 top-10 runs in 36 races last year, has yet to record any. But, he said, it's not time to panic. "I think you can catapult up the standings really, really quickly," he said. "If you have a couple solid weeks where we don't get crashed or cause a crash, those things add up. We're not happy with where our speed is at, for sure, but certainly we are not a 22nd-place team. Am I worried about making the playoffs, if that is what you are asking? No." Hamlin's three Gibbs teammates qualified in the top 10 for Sunday's race, with Kyle Busch starting third, Truex sixth and Christopher Bell ninth. Hamlin will start 13th. No consequences Alex Bowman said the new car allows for more contact with less impact on the performance, a point Ross Chastain proved last weekend by banging his way to victory in Texas. "I think you can definitely run into stuff that would have ended your day in the past," Bowman said Saturday. "We kind of got sandwiched in between a bunch of cars on a restart last week; drove straight into somebody and it would have completely ended our day last year."

Hamlin made note of the changing culture on Twitter this week, pointing out that "Everyone runs over everyone. Doesn't matter if it's for 1st or 10th," but allowed Saturday that he's not done much to dissuade that approach. "I think the win at all costs, I think they've seen that the cost is worth it because there really is no cost," Hamlin said of drivers bumping others for position. "I'm guilty there, too. You know, I got spun out of the lead two races last year. One cost us the regular-season championship. I haven't done anything about it. So maybe that's a message to the competitors." Bowman, and others, think the play-off format that awards drivers a spot in the 10-race playoffs to end the season all but encourages physical driving. "I think if there's a reason and you have to put your finger on it, it would be the playoff format," Bowman said. "How much winning matters and sometimes you can overcome those guys hating you for that trophy." Odds and ends Chase Elliott, the lone Hendrick driver without a win so far this season, is the FanDuel Sportsbook favorite. Chevrolet drivers have won four of the last five races. ... Aric Almirola is eighth in points but is the only driver to have completed all 1,381 laps run in the first six races. ... All three of NASCAR's top series will be in Virginia next weekend, and on short tracks, with a Truck-Xfinity-Cup series tripleheader scheduled at Martinsville Speedway.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Supporting cast locked in for SC

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Brea Beal has made a habit — a career, actually — of relentlessly guarding the best back-court player for South Carolina's opponent and making sure her night is full of frustration. Her effectiveness is easy enough to see, such as in the semifinal victory over Louisville when the 6-foot-1 junior smothered Cardinals star Hailey Van Lith. Beal can usually hear when she's the most effective, because the trash-talking frequently follows. "I just love to keep the ball rolling and not really feed into that, but I definitely do feel it a lot," said Beal, who held Van Lith to nine points with four turnovers after she hit the 20-point mark in each of Louisville's first four tournament games. South Carolina plays Connecticut at Target Center on Sunday night for the national championship. The Gamecocks (34-2) have given up an average of less than 45 points over their first five games in this NCAA Tournament, managing to take one of the nation's best defenses up another notch. Beal is their catalyst on that end of the court, regularly taking on a prolific scorer and making her work hard for anything she gets. "She came in with so much intensity defensively, and it just always stuck with her," teammate Destanni Henderson said. Only eight out of 36 times this season has Beal allowed her primary defensive assignment to hit her scoring average. That includes UConn's Christyn Williams, who had 10 points in their matchup in the Bahamas on Nov. 22. Midway through her freshman year, the native of Rock Island, Illinois, began to feel her role of the defensive ace as a natural one. "Coach was like, 'You're good at this. Let's keep doing this,'" Beal said, later adding: "Coming out of high school I was so used to all the little hardware, but as time went on it was bigger than that. "I realize it was bigger than that now. You're playing for something, for the community, for the team, for the coaches." South Carolina, the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament, has the enviable benefit of both the AP National Player of the Year, Aliyah Boston, and one of the deepest teams in the field. Coach Dawn Staley believes in bench minutes, giving her starters ample rest. The lineup around Boston, too, gives the Gamecocks a wealth of options and skills to throw at the Huskies. USC is the acronym for the University of South Carolina, but it ought to stand for "ultimate supporting cast." Beal matched her season high with 12 points against Louisville. Victoria Saxton, who helps Boston patrol the glass and the paint, totaled 27 points and 28 rebounds over the past three games. Henderson is 5 for 8 from 3-point range over the past two games. Zia Cooke is averaging 10.7 points per game this season.

"Everybody on the team can be dominating," said Henderson, the sharpshooting senior guard. "I feel like our depth is very interesting, because not a lot of teams have that and a lot of teams have to play their starting five for 40 minutes." Beal will likely follow Williams for most of the night, with more of a team effort to contain Huskies star Paige Bueckers — who won the Player of the Year award in 2021 before missing nearly three months of this season to a knee injury. Bueckers had 19 points and seven assists against the Gamecocks earlier this season. While she's still been rounding back into form after the rehab, occasionally striking a nerve with a hard landing on the court and grimacing from the discomfort, there's no way that South Carolina will get anything but the best of Bueckers in the title game in her hometown. "When it comes to someone like Paige, no matter what she's going to go out there and the adrenaline is going to shield her from that," Beal said. "I definitely think we're going to get her best game that she's played all season for sure."



South Carolina's Brea Beal, right, and Louisville's Hailey Van Lith go after a loose ball in the second half of Friday's Final Four matchup in Minneapolis. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

MLB 2022 KEY DATES

Time to play ball!

No more bargaining sessions on the calendar. The lockout is over, and it's time for baseball again. Here are some dates to remember for the upcoming season.

By Jay Cohen | Associated Press



In a nod to the movie, players for the Yankees and White Sox entered the stadium through cornfields ahead of the “Field of Dreams” game on Aug. 12 in Dyersville, Iowa, where a newly constructed, 8,000 capacity stadium was built adjacent to the movie set field. The Cubs and Reds will play in this year’s edition. **JOHNNY MILANO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Thursday

Guardians at Royals: Cleveland plays its first regular-season game as the Guardians when Shane Bieber and company take on Whit Merrifield and the Royals. The Guardians, who formally changed their name from Indians following last season, is hoping Bieber can stay healthy after the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner missed much of last year with a strained right shoulder.

Friday, April 22

Red Sox at Rays: Wander Franco and the reigning AL East champion Rays take on Rafael Devers and the Red Sox in a rematch of their AL Division Series. The Red Sox eliminated the Rays in four games last year, and then lost to the Astros in the ALCS. Devers anchors a deep lineup for the Red Sox, but left-hander Eduardo Rodriguez signed with the Tigers in free agency. The talented Franco is surrounded by another loaded roster with the Rays.

Tuesday, May 3

Giants at Dodgers: One of baseball’s best rivalries starts all over again after a memorable 2021 season. The Giants won 107 games and the NL West title last year, edging the Dodgers by one game, but the Dodgers eliminated the Giants with a 2-1 victory in Game 5 of their NL Division Series. Mookie Betts and Cody Bellinger are back for LA, but Max Scherzer and Corey Seager departed in free agency. The Giants lost Buster Posey when the veteran catcher retired in November.

Thursday, June 16

Angels at Mariners: Angels star Shohei Ohtani is coming off a remarkable 2021 campaign, winning the AL MVP award. But he remains in search of his first play-off appearance. Now, Mike Trout is back after missing much of last year with a calf injury, and Noah Syndergaard joins Ohtani in the Angels’ rotation after agreeing to a \$21 million, one-year contract in November. The Mariners, looking for their first postseason appearance since 2001, signed AL Cy Young Award winner Robbie Ray to a \$115 million, five-year contract in November.

Tuesday, July 19

All-Star Game in Los Angeles: The Midsummer Classic returns to Dodger Stadium for the first time since Ken Griffey and Bruce Sutter led the National League to a 4-2 victory in 1980. The Dodgers were slated to host the 2020 All-Star Game, but it was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The American League has won eight in a row, including a 5-2 victory at Coors Field last year.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Cubs at Reds: Baseball’s acclaimed “Field of Dreams” game gets a sequel, once again at the site in eastern Iowa where the 1989 movie was filmed. Like most movies that get a sequel, it’s going to be quite difficult to top the original. The Yankees and White Sox played one of baseball’s best games of the 2021 season in



Braves manager Brian Snitker hoists the trophy as first baseman Freddie Freeman cheers after the Braves won the World Series over the Astros on Nov. 2 in Houston. **KEVIN M. COX/THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS**



The Rays' Wander Franco watches his two-run home run during the fifth inning against the Red Sox in Game 4 of the ALDS on Oct. 11 in Boston. The Rays and Red Sox meet again for the first time this season on April 22. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

the Hawkeye State. The White Sox came out on top 9-8 on Tim Anderson’s game-ending homer in the bottom of the ninth inning after

the Yankees took the lead in the top half of the inning. This time, it’s the Cubs taking on the Reds in an NL Central matchup.

Friday, Aug. 19

Astros at Braves: Jose Altuve and the Astros visit Ozzie Albies and the Braves for a World Series rematch. The Braves beat the Astros in six games for its first championship since 1995. The return of Astros right-hander Justin Verlander and Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. could help each team make another October run. Verlander, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, missed last season after he had Tommy John surgery on Oct. 1, 2020. Acuña slugged 24 homers for the Braves before tearing the ACL in his right knee in July.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

Mets at Yankees: It’s the regular-season finale for the first Subway Series for newly acquired star pitcher Max Scherzer, who finalized a \$130 million, three-year deal with the Mets on Dec. 2. The blockbuster contract for the three-time Cy Young Award winner was part of an offseason spending spree designed to return the Mets to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. Aaron Judge and the Yankees lost to the Red Sox in the AL Wild Card Game in October, and it has been 13 years since the Bronx Bombers won their last championship in 2009.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Rangers at Astros: Looking to stop a streak of five consecutive losing seasons, the Rangers signed shortstop Corey Seager (\$325 million over 10 years) and second baseman Marcus Semien (\$175 million over seven years) over the winter. Seager and company are chasing the Astros, who won the AL West in 2021 for the fourth time in five years. The Texas teams play 19 more times this season, concluding with this finale to a three-game set.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Tigers at White Sox: Tim Anderson and the White Sox won the AL Central last season for the franchise’s first division title since 2008, but they flopped in the playoffs and the division is much improved from a year ago. The Tigers have an impressive young rotation, and it signed dynamic infielder Javier Báez to a \$140 million, six-year contract on Dec. 1. Also worth watching: Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera begins the year just 13 hits shy of 3,000.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Pirates at Cardinals: Adam Wainwright and Yadier Molina play what could be one of their final games with the Cardinals. Wainwright and Molina begin the year ranked fourth all-time in regular-season games started by battery mates since 1908 with 304, within range of Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan in the top spot at 324. The 40-year-old Wainwright went 17-7 with a 3.05 ERA in 32 starts last season, and the 39-year-old Molina hit .252 with 11 homers and 66 RBIs in 121 games.

MLB 2022 AMERICAN LEAGUE PREVIEW

AL EAST

Tampa Bay Rays



2021: 100-62, 1st place, lost to Red Sox in ALDS.
Manager: Kevin Cash (eighth season).
Opening Day: Friday vs. Orioles.
He's here: RHP Corey Kluber, LHP Brooks Raley, OF Luke Raley.
He's outta here: INF Joey Wendle, DH Nelson Cruz, RHP Michael Wacha, RHP Chris Archer, INF Mike Brosseau, RHP Colin McHugh, RHP David Robertson, RHP Chaz Roe.
Top hitters: 2B Brandon Lowe (.247, 38 HRs, 99 RBIs, .863 OPS, 97 runs), C Mike Zunino (.216, 33, 62, .860 OPS), LF Randy Arozarena (.274, 20, 69, .815 OPS, 20 SBs, 94 runs), SS Wander Franco (.288, 7, 39, .810 OPS in 70 games), DH Austin Meadows (.234, 27, 106, .772 OPS).
Projected rotation: LH Shane McClellanahan (10-6, 3.43 ERA in 25 starts, 141 Ks in 123 ½ IP), RH Corey Kluber (5-3, 3.83, 82 Ks, 80 IP in 16 starts for Yankees), LH Ryan Yarbrough (9-7, 5.11 in 30 games, 21 starts), RH Drew Rasmussen (0-1, 4.24 in 15 games with Brewers; 4-0, 2.44 in 20 games, 10 starts, with Rays), RH Luis Patiño (5-3, 4.31 in 19 games, 15 starts).
Quick hit: After winning more games than any team in the American League over the past three seasons and setting a franchise record with 100 wins in 2021, anything short of a fourth consecutive postseason berth will be disappointing for the two-time defending AL East champions.

Boston Red Sox



2021: 92-70, t-2nd place, lost to Astros in ALCS.
Manager: Alex Cora (second season of second stint).
Opening Day: Thursday at Yankees.
He's here: 2B Trevor Story, RHP Michael Wacha, LHP Rich Hill, OF Jackie Bradley Jr., LHP Jake Diekmann.
He's outta here: LHP Eduardo Rodríguez, OF Kyle Schwarber, RHP Garrett Richards, LHP Martín Pérez, OF Hunter Renfroe, RHP Adam Ottavino.
Top hitters: 3B Rafael Devers (.279, 38 HRs, 113 RBIs), DH J.D. Martínez (.286, 28, 99), SS Xander Bogaerts (.295, 23, 79), 2B Trevor Story (.251, 24, 75 for Rockies).
Projected rotation: RH Nathan Eovaldi (11-9, 3.75 ERA), RH Nick Pivetta (9-8, 4.53), RH Tanner Houck (1-5, 3.52), RH Michael Wacha (3-5, 5.05), LH Rich Hill (7-8, 3.86).
Quick hit: The Red Sox rebounded from a last-place finish during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season by getting within two wins of the World Series. They beat the rival Yankees in the wild-card game at Fenway Park and then ousted the top seed Rays in the Division Series before losing to the Astros in the ALCS. In the offseason, they lost Rodríguez and Pérez — and then the rotation took another hit when Chris Sale reported to the lockout-delayed spring training with a broken rib. That leaves the Red Sox relying on Pivetta, Houck, Wacha and the 42-year-old Hill, behind Eovaldi. The major acquisition was Story, an All-Star shortstop who will move to second base to keep Bogaerts at his natural position.

New York Yankees



2021: 92-70, t-2nd place, lost to Red Sox in wild-card.
Manager: Aaron Boone (fifth season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Red Sox.
He's here: 3B Josh Donaldson, SS Isiah Kiner-Falefa, C Ben Rortvedt.
He's outta here: OF Brett Gardner, C Gary Sánchez, 3B Gio Urshela, 1B Luke Voit, RHP Corey Kluber, RHP Darren O'Day, 2B Rougned Odor, INF/OF Tyler Wade.
Top hitters: RF Aaron Judge (.287, 39 HRs, 98 RBIs, 89 runs, .916 OPS), DH Giancarlo Stanton (.273, 35, 97, .870 OPS), 1B Anthony Rizzo (.248, 22, 61, .783 OPS for Cubs and Yankees), INF DJ LeMahieu (.268, 10, 57, 84 runs, .711 OPS), 3B Josh Donaldson (.247, 26, 72, .827 OPS for Twins), LF Joey Gallo (.199, 38, 77, .808 OPS, 213 Ks, 111 BBs for Rangers and Yankees).
Projected rotation: RH Gerrit Cole (16-8, 3.23 ERA, 243 Ks in 181 ½ IP), LH Jordan Montgomery (6-7, 3.83, 162 Ks in 157 ½ IP), RH Luis Severino (1-0, 0.00, 6 IP in 4 games following return from Tommy John surgery and groin injury), RH Jameson Taillon (8-6, 4.30, 140 Ks in 144 ½ IP), LH Nestor Cortes Jr. (2-3, 2.90, 14 starts, 8 relief appearances, 103 Ks in 93 IP).
Quick hit: After losing 6-2 in the wild-card game, the Yanks didn't make major moves until after the lockout, acquiring Donaldson, Kiner-Falefa and Rortvedt from the Twins for Sánchez and Urshela, re-signing Rizzo and trading Voit.

Toronto Blue Jays



2021: 91-71, 4th place.
Manager: Charlie Montoyo (fourth season).
Opening Day: Friday vs. Rangers.
He's here: RHP Kevin Gausman, 3B Matt Chapman, LHP Yusei Kikuchi, OF Raimel Tapia, RHP Yimi García, LHP Andrew Vasquez, 1B Greg Bird, RHP Shaun Anderson.
He's outta here: 2B Marcus Semien, LHP Robbie Ray, LHP Steven Matz, OF Randal Grichuk, RHP Kirby Yates, INF Breyvic Valera, INF Kevin Smith, RHP Joakim Soria, OF Jarrod Dyson, OF Corey Dickerson, LHP Kirby Sneed.
Top hitters: 1B Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (.311, MLB-best tying 48 HRs, 111 RBIs, 1,002 OPS), OF George Springer (.264, 22, 50 in 78 games), SS Bo Bichette (.298, 29, 102), OF Teoscar Hernández (.296, 32, 116), 3B Matt Chapman (.210, 27, 72 with Oakland), OF Lourdes Gurriel Jr. (.276, 21, 84).
Projected rotation: RH José Berríos (12-9, 3.52 ERA, 204 Ks for Twins and Blue Jays), RH Kevin Gausman (14-6, 2.81, 227 Ks for Giants), LH Hyun Jin Ryu (14-10, 4.37), RH Alek Manoah (9-2, 3.22 in 20 starts), LH Yusei Kikuchi (7-9, 4.41 for Mariners).
Quick hit: The Blue Jays finished one win behind the Red Sox and Yankees in the wild-card race, then lost Cy Young Award winner Ray and slugging infielder Semien in free agency. The Jays responded by signing Gausman for the front of the rotation and acquiring Chapman from the Athletics.

Baltimore Orioles



2021: 52-110, last place.
Manager: Brandon Hyde (fourth season).
Opening Day: Friday at Rays.
He's here: 2B Rougned Odor, RHP Jordan Lyles, C Robinson Chirinos, LHP Cionel Pérez, INF Chris Owings.
He's outta here: RHP Matt Harvey, C Pedro Severino, INF Pat Valaika, C Austin Wynns, RHP Brooks Kiske, LHP Fernando Abad.
Top hitters: CF Cedric Mullins (.291, 30 HRs, 59 RBIs, 30 SBs), DH/1B Trey Mancini (.255, 21, 71), 1B/DH Ryan Mountcastle (.255, 33, 89).
Projected rotation: LH John Means (6-9, 3.62 ERA), RH Jordan Lyles (10-13, 5.15 for Rangers), LH Bruce Zimmermann (4-5, 5.04), LH Zac Lowther (1-3, 6.67), RH Tyler Wells (2-3, 4.11 in 44 relief appearances).
Quick hit: The Orioles have two of baseball's top prospects in catcher Adley Rutschman and right-hander Grayson Rodriguez. Both could be with the Orioles soon, although Rutschman was sidetracked recently by a triceps injury. The Orioles drafted him with the top pick in 2019, and they're picking No. 1 again this year, so there's reason for the Orioles to feel some hope about the potential of this rebuild after the team bottomed out in recent seasons. Mullins was a bright spot last year and will try to build on his 30-30 season, while Mancini and Mountcastle can provide power. There's little reason to expect much from the pitching staff, however.

AL CENTRAL

Chicago White Sox



2021: 93-69, 1st place, lost to the Astros in ALDS.
Manager: Tony La Russa (second season of second stint with team).
Opening Day: Friday at Tigers.
He's here: INF Josh Harrison, RHP Joe Kelly, RHP Vince Velasquez, RHP Kendall Graveman, OF Adam Haseley.
He's outta here: LHP Carlos Rodón, 2B César Hernández, OF Brian Goodwin, OF Billy Hamilton, RHP Ryan Tepera.
Top hitters: SS Tim Anderson (.309, 17 HRs, 61 RBIs, .807 OPS), 1B José Abreu (.261, 30, 117, .832), CF Luis Robert (.338, 13, 43, .945 in 68 games), OF Eloy Jiménez (.249, 10, 37 in 55 games).
Projected rotation: RH Lucas Giolito (11-9, 3.53 ERA, 201 Ks), RH Lance Lynn (11-6, 2.69), RH Dylan Cease (13-7, 3.91, 226 Ks), LH Dallas Keuchel (9-9, 5.28), RH Michael Kopech (4-3, 3.50 in 44 games, 4 starts).
Quick hit: The White Sox, runaway winners of the AL Central last season, are coming off back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time in franchise history. They failed to advance both times, losing to the Astros in four games in the Division Series after getting knocked out by the Athletics in the first round in 2020. Now, they're looking for more. With Anderson and Abreu leading a loaded lineup, the White Sox have their sights set high.

Cleveland Guardians



2021: 80-82, 2nd place.
Manager: Terry Francona (10th season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Royals.
He's here: C Luke Maile, RHP Ian Gibaut, RHP Jake Jewell.
He's outta here: C Roberto Pérez, 1B Jake Bauers, RHP Nick Wittgren.
Top hitters: 3B José Ramírez (.266, 36 HRs, 103 RBIs, 27 SBs, .893 OPS), SS Amed Rosario (.282, 11, 57), DH Frannmil Reyes (.254, 30, 85 in 115 games).
Projected rotation: RH Shane Bieber (7-4, 3.17 ERA in 16 starts), RH Aaron Civale (12-5, 3.84, 31 walks in 124 ½ IP), RH Zach Plesac (10-6, 4.67), RH Triston McKenzie (5-9, 4.95, 136 Ks in 120 IP), RH Cal Quantrill (8-3, 2.89; 7-1 in second half).
Quick hit: New name, some familiar problems. No longer Cleveland's Indians, the Guardians head into the 2022 season with low expectations and one of baseball's lowest payrolls (about \$51 million). After being sidelined by serious health issues the past two seasons, Francona returns for his 10th year with the club, which has stayed competitive despite limited spending. Francona will again lean on a strong rotation led by Bieber, the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner who was sidelined for three months in 2021 by a shoulder strain. The bullpen lacks depth, but Clase has the chance to be a top-flight closer. The Guardians' most pressing needs are in the corner outfield spots and finding run production from an offense that struggled to score last season and didn't

Detroit Tigers



2021: 77-85, 3rd place.
Manager: A.J. Hinch (second season).
Opening Day: Friday vs. White Sox.
He's here: SS Javier Báez, LHP Eduardo Rodríguez, C Tucker Barnhart, LHP Andrew Chafin, RHP Michael Pineda.
He's outta here: LHP Matthew Boyd, INF/OF Niko Goodrum, OF Jacoby Jones, LHP Daniel Norris, RHP Jose Urena.
Top hitters: DH/1B Miguel Cabrera (.256, 15 HRs, 75 RBIs, .701 OPS), SS Javier Báez (.265, 31, 87, .813 OPS with Cubs and Mets), 3B Jeimer Candelario (.271, 16, 67, .795 OPS), 2B Jonathan Schoop (.278, 22, 84, .755 OPS).
Projected rotation: LH Eduardo Rodríguez (13-8, 4.74 ERA with Red Sox), RH Casey Mize (7-9, 3.71), LH Tarik Skubal (8-12, 4.34), RH Matt Manning (4-7, 5.80), LH Tyler Alexander (2-4, 3.81).
Quick hit: For the first time since signing Cabrera to a long-term contract in 2014, the Tigers were serious spenders over the winter, signing Rodríguez, Báez and Chafin and trading for Barnhart. Consequently, after five straight losing seasons, they consider themselves viable contenders in the expanded playoff format. Touted rookies Riley Greene in center field and Spencer Torkelson at first base were given serious chances to make the opening day roster. Last year's top rookie, outfielder Akil Baddoo, was installed as the leadoff hitter.

Kansas City Royals



2021: 74-88, 4th place.
Manager: Mike Matheny (third season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs Guardians.
He's here: RHP Zack Greinke, SS Bobby Witt Jr., LHP Amir Garrett, RHP Brad Peacock.
He's outta here: 2B Hanser Alberto, LHP Mike Minor, 1B Ryan McBroom, SS Lucius Fox.
Top hitters: C Salvador Perez (.273, 48 HRs, 121 RBIs), RF Whit Merrifield (.277, 10, 74, 40 SBs), LF Andrew Benintendi (.276, 17, 73), 1B Carlos Santana (.214, 19, 69).
Projected rotation: RH Zack Greinke (11-6, 4.16 ERA with Houston), RH Brad Keller (8-12, 5.05), RH Brady Singer (5-10, 4.91), LH Kris Bubic (6-7, 4.43), RH Carlos Hernandez (6-2, 3.68), LH Daniel Lynch (4-6, 5.69).
Quick hit: The Royals this season are a collision of the past, present and future. The past would be Greinke, their 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner who was traded to the Brewers so many years ago and then chased riches elsewhere before returning to the Royals this season. The present consists of Singer, Bubic, Lynch and the rest of the young rotation, which moved through the minors together and took their first big league lumps together, too. And the future lies in Witt, rated baseball's No. 1 prospect. He batted a combined .290 with 33 homers, 97 RBIs and 29 stolen bases at Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha last season.

Minnesota Twins



2021: 73-89, last place.
Manager: Rocco Baldelli (fourth season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Mariners.
He's here: SS Carlos Correa, RHP Sonny Gray, C Gary Sánchez, 3B Gio Urshela, RHP Dylan Bundy, RHP Chris Archer, RHP Joe Smith.
He's outta here: 3B Josh Donaldson, DH Nelson Cruz, C Mitch Garver, RHP Michael Pineda, RHP Alex Colomé, SS Andrelton Simmons, INF Williams Astudillo.
Top hitters: SS Carlos Correa (.279, 26 HRs, 92 RBIs, 104 Astros 32, 50 runs, 23 doubles, 1.005 OPS in 61 games), 2B Jorge Polanco (.269, 33, 98, 97 runs, .826 OPS), 1B Miguel Sanó (.223, 30, 75, 183 Ks, .778 OPS).
Projected rotation: RH Sonny Gray (7-9, 4.19 ERA in 26 starts for Reds), RH Joe Ryan (2-1, 4.05 in 5 starts), RH Bailey Ober (3-3, 4.19 in 20 starts), RH Dylan Bundy (2-9, 6.06 in 90 ½ IP for Angels), RH Chris Archer (1-1, 4.66 in 6 games, 5 starts, for Rays).
Quick hit: Correa's unexpected and heralded arrival triggered a significant shift in outlook for a team that was one of baseball's biggest disappointments in 2021 on the way to the Twins' first last-place finish in five years. Not only is Correa an elite shortstop in his prime who can solidify the up-the-middle defense and the heart of the batting order, but he has played in 79 postseason games over the last seven years with the Astros.
Note: Lineups subjects change with late trades/releases.

AL WEST

Houston Astros



2021: 95-67, 1st place, lost to Braves in World Series.
Manager: Dusty Baker (third season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Angels.
He's here: SS Jeremy Peña, INF Niko Goodrum, 2B Franklin Barreto, OF Lewis Brinson, RHP Hector Neris, LHP Adam Morgan, LHP Zach Rosscup.
He's outta here: Pitching coach Brent Strom, SS Carlos Correa, RHP Zack Greinke, RHP Yimi García, LHP Brooks Raley, RHP Kendall Graveman.
Top hitters: 1B Yuli Gurriel (AL-best .319, 15 HRs, 81 RBIs, .846 OPS), LF Michael Brantley (.311, 8, 47, .799 OPS), DH Yordan Alvarez (.277, 33, 104, .877 OPS), 2B Jose Altuve (.277, 31, 83, .838 OPS, 117 runs), 3B Alex Bregman (.270, 12, 55, .777 OPS in 91 games).
Projected rotation: RH Justin Verlander (missed 2021 and pitched just one game in 2020 due to Tommy John surgery; 21-6, 2.58 ERA in 2019), LH Framber Valdez (11-6, 3.14), RH Luis García (11-8, 3.30, 167 Ks), RH Jake Odorizzi (6-7, 4.21), RH José Urquidy (8-3, 3.62) or RH Lance McCullers Jr. (13-5, 3.16, 185 Ks).
Quick hit: After reaching the World Series for the third time in five seasons, the Astros expect to contend for a title again this year. They lost Correa in free agency but return most of their other key players from a team that won 95 games before losing the World Series to the Braves in six games.

Seattle Mariners



2021: 90-72, 2nd place.
Manager: Scott Servais (seventh season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Twins.
He's here: LHP Robbie Ray, OF Jesse Winker, 3B Eugenio Suárez, 2B/OF Adam Frazier, RHP Sergio Romo.
He's outta here: 3B Kyle Seager, LHP Yusei Kikuchi, LHP Tyler Anderson, OF Jake Fraleey, OF Jake Bauers, RHP Justin Dunn.
Top hitters: SS J.P. Crawford (.273, 9 HRs, 54 RBIs), LF Jesse Winker (.305, 24, 71, .949 OPS with Reds), RF Mitch Haniger (.253, 39, 100, .804 OPS), 1B Ty France (.291, 18, 73, .813 OPS), 2B Adam Frazier (.305, 5, 43, .368 OBP with Pirates and Padres).
Projected rotation: LH Robbie Ray (13-7, 2.84 ERA, 248 Ks, AL Cy Young Award winner with Blue Jays), LH Marco Gonzales (10-6, 3.96, 143 ½ IP), RH Chris Flexen (14-6, 3.61, 179 ½ IP), RH Logan Gilbert (6-5, 4.68 in 24 starts), RH Matt Brash (6-4, 2.31, 142 Ks in 97 ½ IP at High-A and Double-A).
Quick hit: The rebuild that's taken several seasons appears to finally be complete. After a surprising 90 wins last season, the Mariners begin this year with expectations of contending for the playoffs and ending its two-decade drought without a postseason appearance. The moves the Mariners made addressed major needs, bringing in Ray as the No. 1 starter and adding two key bats in Winker and Suárez in a trade with the Reds. Haniger and France will be tasked with trying to match their output at the plate from last season.

Oakland Athletics



2021: 86-76, 3rd place.
Manager: Mark Kotsay (first season).
Opening Day: Friday at Phillies.
He's here: 1B Eric Thames, 1B Billy McKinney, RHP Adam Oller, RHP Brent Honeywell, 3B Kevin Smith, 3B Sheldon Neuse, C Stephen Vogt, OF Cristian Pache, LHP Sam Selman.
He's outta here: Manager Bob Melvin, 1B Matt Olson, 3B Matt Chapman, RHP Chris Bassitt, LHP Jake Diekmann, OF Starling Marte, OF Mark Canha, RHP Yusmeiro Petit, RHP Sergio Romo, RHP Mike Fiers, 1B Mitch Moreland, C Yan Gomes, OF Khris Davis, LHP Andrew Chafin, 2B Josh Harrison.
Top hitters: OF Seth Brown (.214, 20 HRs, 48 RBIs), C Sean Murphy (.216, 17, 59), 2B Tony Kemp (.279, 8, 37), SS Elvis Andrus (.243, 3, 37).
Projected rotation: LH Sean Manaea (11-10, 3.91 ERA), RH Frankie Montas (13-9, 3.37, 207 Ks), LH Cole Irvin (10-15, 4.24), RH Daulton Jefferies (1-0, 3.60), RH Adam Oller (9-4, 3.45 in minors with Mets).
Quick hit: The offseason exodus from Oakland started early when the A's allowed Melvin, their longtime manager, to leave for the Padres after leading the club to six playoff berths in 11 seasons. Then soon after the lockout ended, the A's traded away stars Olson, Chapman and Bassitt, signaling another shift to rebuilding mode. The low-budget A's have followed this pattern for years.

Los Angeles Angels



2021: 77-85, 4th place.
Manager: Joe Maddon (third season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Astros.
He's here: RHP Noah Syndergaard, RHP Michael Lorenzen, LHP Aaron Loup, RHP Ryan Tepera, RHP Archie Bradley, INF Tyler Wade, INF Andrew Velazquez, INF Matt Duffy.
He's outta here: RHP Alex Cobb, RHP Dylan Bundy, RHP Steve Cishek, INF Phil Gosselin, OF Juan Lagares.
Top hitters: CF Mike Trout (.333, 8 HRs, 18 RBIs, 1,090 OPS in 36 games), DH/RHP Shohei Ohtani (.257, 46, 100, .965 OPS, 26 SBs, AL MVP), 3B Anthony Rendon (.240, 6, 34 in 58 games), 1B Jared Walsh (.277, 29, 98, .850 OPS).
Projected rotation: RH Shohei Ohtani (9-2, 3.18 ERA, 156 Ks), RH Noah Syndergaard (2 appearances in last 2 seasons with Mets due to Tommy John surgery), RH Michael Lorenzen (1-2, 5.59 as reliever with Reds), LH José Suárez (8-8, 3.75), LH Patrick Sandoval (3-6, 3.62), RH Jaime Barria (2-4, 4.61).
Quick hit: The big-budget, star-studded Angels take another shot at ending their embarrassing skids of six straight losing seasons and seven in a row out of the playoffs. General manager Perry Minasian made several efforts to repair the pitching staff that has perpetually been the Halos' undoing. He signed the long-injured Syndergaard and longtime reliever Lorenzen in relatively risky moves to shore up the LA rotation.

Texas Rangers



2021: 60-102, last place.
Manager: Chris Woodward (fourth season).
Opening Day: Friday at Blue Jays.
He's here: SS Corey Seager, 2B Marcus Semien, C Mitch Garver, RHP Jon Gray, LHP Martín Pérez, RHP Garrett Richards, INF/OF Brad Miller, OF Kole Calhoun, RHP Greg Holland.
He's outta here: SS Isiah Kiner-Falefa, 3B Brock Holt, RHP Jordan Lyles, RHP Mike Foltyniewicz.
Top hitters: SS Corey Seager (.306, 16 HRs, 57 RBIs in 95 games with Dodgers), 2B Marcus Semien (.265, 45, 102, 15 SBs, .873 OPS with Blue Jays), RF Adolis García (.243, 31, 90), C Mitch Garver (.256, 13, 34, .875 OPS with Twins), 1B Nathaniel Lowe (.264, 18, 72).
Projected rotation: RH Jon Gray (8-12, 4.59 ERA, 157 Ks in 149 IP with Rockies), LH Martín Pérez (7-8, 4.74 with Red Sox), RH Dane Dunning (5-10, 4.51), LH Taylor Hearn (6-6, 4.66 in 42 games, 1½ starts), RHP Spencer Howard (0-5, 7.43 with Phillies and Rangers) or LH Kolby Allard (3-12, 5.41).
Outlook: The Rangers followed 102 losses last year with a record offseason spending spree of more than a half-billion dollars. Most of that money went to its new All-Star middle infield of Seager (\$325 million/10 seasons) and Semien (\$175 million/seven seasons). Gray became the No. 1 starter when he signed a \$56 million, four-year deal, and Garver is a catcher with some pop at the plate.
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NL EAST

Atlanta Braves



2021: 88-73, 1st place, won World Series.
Manager: Brian Snitker (seventh season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Reds.
He's here: 1B Matt Olson, RHP Kenley Jansen, RHP Collin HcHugh, C Manny Pina, OF Alex Dickerson, RHP Tyler Thornburg, RHP Kirby Yates.
He's outta here: 1B Freddie Freeman, OF Jorge Soler, OF Joc Pederson, C Stephen Vogt, OF Ender Inciarte, INF Johan Camargo, INF Pablo Sandoval, OF Cristian Pache, LHP Drew Smyly, RHP Bryse Wilson, RHP Josh Tomlin, RHP Richard Rodríguez.
Top hitters: 3B Austin Riley (.303, 33 HRs, 107 RBIs, .898 OPS), RF Ronald Acuña Jr. (.283, 24, 52, 17 SBs in 82 games), 2B Ozzie Albies (.259, 30, 106, 40 doubles, 20 SBs), 1B Matt Olson (.271, 39, 111, .911 OPS with Athletics), CF Adam Duvall (.228, 38, 113 with Marlins and Braves).
Projected rotation: RH Charlie Morton (14-6, 3.34 ERA, 216 Ks in 185 ⅔ IP), LH Max Fried (14-7, 3.04, 158 Ks in 165 ⅔ IP), RH Ian Anderson (9-5, 3.58, 124 Ks in 128 ⅓ IP), RH Kyle Wright (0-1, 9.95 in 2 games; 1.59 ERA, 5 ⅔ IP in World Series), RH Huascar Ynoa (4-6, 4.05, 91 IP).
Quick hit: After winning 14 consecutive division titles from 1991-2005, the Braves are on another roll with four straight NL East titles and capped 2021 with a World Series crown.

Philadelphia Phillies



2021: 82-80, 2nd place.
Manager: Joe Girardi (third season).
Opening Day: Friday vs. Athletics.
He's here: OF Nick Castellanos, LF/DH Kyle Schwarber, RHP Corey Knebel, LHP Brad Hand, RHP Jeury's Familia.
He's outta here: LF Andrew McCutchen, RHP Hector Neris, RHP Archie Bradley, INF Brad Miller, INF Freddy Galvis, OF Roman Quinn, OF Adam Haseley, C Andrew Knapp, LHP Matt Moore, RHP Chase Anderson.
Top hitters: RF Bryce Harper (.309, 35 HRs, 84 RBIs, 1.044 OPS, NL MVP), LF Nick Castellanos (.309, 34, 100, .938 OPS for Reds), C J.T. Realmuto (.263, 17, 73), DH/LF Kyle Schwarber (.266, 32, 71 for Nationals and Red Sox), 1B Rhys Hoskins (.247, 27, 71).
Projected rotation: RH Zack Wheeler (14-10, 2.78 ERA, 247 Ks), RH Aaron Nola (9-9, 4.63, 223 Ks), RH Kyle Gibson (10-9, 3.71 for Rangers and Phillies), RH Zach Eflin (4-7, 4.17), LH Ranger Suarez (8-5, 1.36 in 39 games, 12 starts).
Quick hit: After their first winning season since 2011, the Phillies are aiming to return to the postseason and snap an NL-worst 10-year drought. The addition of sluggers Castellanos and Schwarber strengthens an offense that already features reigning NL MVP Harper. The Phillies were 13th in runs (4.5), 18th in batting average (.240) and 15th in homers (198) last year. The rotation led by Wheeler is solid and capable one through five.

New York Mets



2021: 77-85, 3rd place.
Manager: Buck Showalter (first season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Nationals.
He's here: RHP Max Scherzer, RHP Chris Bassitt, OF Starling Marte, OF Mark Canha, 3B Eduardo Escobar, RHP Adam Ottavino, LHP Chasen Shreve, LHP Alex Claudio, OF Travis Jankowski, OF Nick Plummer, GM Billy Eppler.
He's outta here: Manager Luis Rojas, RF Michael Conforto, RHP Marcus Stroman, 2B Javier Báez, RHP Noah Syndergaard, LHP Aaron Loup, RHP Jeurys Familia, LHP Rich Hill, INF Jonathan Villar, OF Kevin Pillar, LHP Brad Hand, among others.
Top hitters: 1B Pete Alonso (.262, 37 HRs, 94 RBIs, .863 OPS), RF Starling Marte (.310, 12, 55, .841 OPS, MLB-best 47 SBs in 120 games with Marlins and Athletics).
Projected rotation: RH Jacob deGrom (7-2, 1.08 ERA, 146 Ks, 11 BBs, 6 HRs allowed, 92 IP in 15 starts), RH Max Scherzer (15-4, 2.46, 236 Ks, 36 BBs, 179 ⅓ IP in 30 starts with Nationals and Dodgers), RH Chris Bassitt (12-4, 3.15, 157 ⅓ IP in 27 starts for Oakland), RH Taijuan Walker (7-11, 4.47, 26 HRs, 159 IP), RH Carlos Carrasco (1-5, 6.04, 12 HRs, 53 ⅔ IP).
Quick hit: Second-year owner Steve Cohen committed nearly \$260 million to five free agents during a winter spending spree that positioned the Mets to have baseball's second-largest payroll (more than \$250 million).

Miami Marlins



2021: 67-95, 4th place.
Manager: Don Mattingly (seventh season).
Opening Day: Friday at Giants.
He's here: INF Joey Wendle, OF Jorge Soler, OF Avisail García, RHP Louis Head, OF Delino DeShields.
He's outta here: CEO Derek Jeter, OF Lewis Brinson, C Sandy Leon, INF Eddy Alvarez, OF Magneuris Sierra.
Top Hitters: LF Jorge Soler (.223, 27 HRs, 70 RBIs, .749 OPS with Royals and Braves), RF Avisail García (.262, 29, 86, .820 OPS with Brewers), 1B/DH Jesús Aguilar (.261, 22, 93, .788 OPS), DH/1B Garrett Cooper (.284, 9, 33, .845 OPS in 71 games), 2B Jazz Chisholm Jr. (.248, 18, 53, 23 SBs).
Projected rotation: RH Sandy Alcantara (9-15, 3.19 ERA, 201 Ks), RH Pablo Lopez (5-5, 3.07), LH Trevor Rogers (7-8, 2.64), RH Elieser Hernández (1-3, 4.18), LH Jesús Luzardo (6-9, 6.61).
Quick hit: The Marlins ranked next-to-last in the majors in runs (way too few, 623) and strikeouts (way too many, 1,553) last season, and they know offense was by far their biggest problem. Wendle, García and Soler should help, but the Marlins also know they need improvement from holdovers like Chisholm — who says he studied every at-bat from last season and simply wasted too many of them. Starting pitching shouldn't be an issue if everyone stays healthy.

Washington Nationals



2021: 65-97, last place.
Manager: Dave Martinez (fifth season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Mets.
He's here: DH Nelson Cruz, RHP Steve Cishek, INF César Hernández, INF Maikel Franco, INF/OF Ehire Adrianza, INF-OF Dee Strange-Gordon, LHP Sean Doolittle, RHP Anibal Sánchez, RHP Hunter Harvey, RHP Carl Edwards Jr., RHP Tyler Clippard.
He's outta here: 1B Ryan Zimmerman, C Alex Avila, INF Jordy Mercer, RHP Wander Suero, RHP Ryne Harper.
Top hitters: RF Juan Soto (.313, 29 HRs, 95 RBIs, .999 OPS, 111 runs, MLB-leading .465 OBP and 145 walks), DH Nelson Cruz (.265, 32, 86, .832 OPS for Twins and Rays), 1B Josh Bell (.261, 27, 88, .823 OPS).
Projected rotation: RH Stephen Strasburg (1-2, 4.57 ERA in 5 starts; expected to miss start of season after an operation last July), LH Patrick Corbin (9-16, 5.82, MLB-worst 37 HRs allowed), RH Josiah Gray (2-2, 5.48 in 13 starts for Dodgers and Nationals), RH Erick Fedde (7-9, 5.47), LH Josh Rogers (2-2, 3.38 in 6 starts).
Quick hit: Two consecutive last-place finishes and a wholesale reshuffling of the roster at last year's trade deadline have the Nationals in the midst of a full-on rebuild — or, to use GM Mike Rizzo's preferred term, "reboot." Key players such as Max Scherzer, Trea Turner, Daniel Hudson and Yan Gomes were shipped elsewhere and newcomers such as Gray and catcher Keibert Ruiz will be counted on.

NL CENTRAL

Milwaukee Brewers



2021: 95-67, 1st place, lost to Atlanta in NLDS.
Manager: Craig Counsell (eighth season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Cubs.
He's here: OF Hunter Renfroe, OF/DH Andrew McCutchen, RHP J.C. Mejia, INF Mike Brosseau, C Pedro Severino.
He's outta here: LHP Brett Anderson, OF Jackie Bradley Jr., 3B/1B Eduardo Escobar, OF Avisail García, LHP Daniel Norris, RHP Hunter Strickland, 1B Daniel Vogelbach.
Top hitters: SS Willy Adames (.262, 25 HRs, 73 RBIs, .818 OPS with Rays and Brewers), RF Hunter Renfroe (.259, 31, 96, .816 OPS with Red Sox), 3B Luis Urías (.249, 23, 75, .789 OPS), LF Christian Yelich (.248, 9, 51, .736 OPS in 117 games), C Omar Narváez (.266, 11, 49, .743 OPS in 123 games).
Projected rotation: RH Corbin Burnes (11-5, NL-best 2.43 ERA, 234 Ks in 167 IP, NL Cy Young Award), RH Brandon Woodruff (9-10, 2.56, 211 Ks in 179 ⅓ IP), RH Freddy Peralta (10-5, 2.81, 195 Ks in 144 ⅓ IP), RH Adrian Houser (10-6, 3.22), LH Eric Lauer (7-5, 3.19).
Quick hit: The Brewers have reason to believe they can earn a fifth straight playoff berth thanks to their exceptional pitching. The starting rotation features three 2021 All-Stars in Burnes, Woodruff and Peralta. The concern is whether they can get more production from a lineup that produced a total of six runs in a 3-1 Division Series loss to the Braves.

St. Louis Cardinals



2021: 90-72, 2nd place, lost to Dodgers in wild-card.
Manager: Oliver Marmol (first season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs Pirates.
He's here: LHP Steven Matz, DH Corey Dickerson, DH Albert Pujols, LHP Packy Naughton, RHP Nick Wittgren.
He's outta here: Manager Mike Shildt, LHP Kwang Hyun Kim, LHP Jon Lester, LHP Andrew Miller, LHP J.A. Happ, 2B Matt Carpenter, RF Jose Rondon, RHP Carlos Martinez.
Top hitters: 1B Paul Goldschmidt (.294, 31 HRs, 99 RBIs), LF Tyler O'Neill (.286, 34, 80, 15 SBs), 3B Nolan Arenado (.255, 34, 105), RF Dylan Carlson (.266, 18, 65), 2B Tommy Edman (.262, 11, 56, 30 SBs), C Yadier Molina (.252, 11, 66).
Projected rotation: RH Adam Wainwright (17-7, 3.05 ERA, 206 ⅓ IP), RH Miles Mikolas (2-3, 4.23), LH Steven Matz (14-7, 3.82 for Blue Jays), RH Dakota Hudson (1-0, 2.08), RH Jake Woodford (3-4, 3.99).
Quick hit: The Cardinals return virtually intact with the exception of Marmol taking over for Shildt, who was fired for what team president John Mozeliak called "philosophical differences" despite a late-season surge and a third straight playoff appearance. The veteran cast of characters should help Marmol in his first go-round as a big league manager. Dickerson is the only major addition to the everyday lineup, and erstwhile slugger Pujols is back to provide a few DH at-bats. Matz joins the rotation but the pitching staff will be minus top starter Jack Flaherty and right-hander Alex Reyes.

Cincinnati Reds



2021: 83-79, 3rd place.
Manager: David Bell (fourth season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Braves.
He's here: OF Tommy Pham, LHP Mike Minor, RHP Chase Petty, RHP Hunter Strickland, OF Jake Fraley, 1B Colin Moran.
He's outta here: 3B Eugenio Suárez, RF Nick Castellanos, LF Jesse Winker, C Tucker Barnhart, RHP Sonny Gray, LHP Wade Miley, RHP Michael Lorenzen, LHP Amir Garrett, RHP Mychal Givens.
Top hitters: 1B Joey Votto (.266, 36 HRs, 99 RBIs, .938 OPS), RF Tyler Naquin (.270, 19, 70), 2B Jonathan India (.269, 21, 69, 34 doubles, .835 OPS, NL Rookie of the Year), C Tyler Stephenson (.286, 10, 45, .797 OPS), SS Kyle Farmer (.263, 16, 63).
Projected rotation: RH Tyler Mahle (13-6, 3.75 ERA), RH Luis Castillo (8-16, 3.98), RH Vladimir Gutierrez (9-6, 4.74), LH Mike Minor (8-12, 5.05 with Royals), RH Hunter Greene (10-8, 3.30 with Double-A Chattanooga and Triple-A Louisville), LH Nick Lodolo (2-2, 2.31, 78Ks in 50 ⅔ IP with Double-A Chattanooga and Triple-A Louisville).
Quick hit: Castillo and Minor experienced shoulder soreness this spring, which will delay their first appearances. Relief pitcher Tejay Antone likely is out for the season, and third baseman Mike Moustakas hurt his shoulder diving for a grounder and might not be ready for opening day.

Chicago Cubs



2021: 71-91, 4th place.
Manager: David Ross (third season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Brewers.
He's here: OF Seiya Suzuki, RHP Marcus Stroman, SS Andrelton Simmons, INF Jonathan Villar, LHP Wade Miley, OF Clint Frazier, C Yan Gomes, RHP Chris Martin, RHP Mychal Givens, LHP Drew Smyly, RHP David Robertson, LHP Daniel Norris.
He's outta here: RHP Zach Davies, C Robinson Chirinos, C Austin Romine, INF Matt Duffy.
Top hitters: OF Seiya Suzuki (.317, 38 HRs, 88 RBIs with Hiroshima Toyo Carp of Japan's Central League), INF Patrick Wisdom (.231, 28, 61, .823 OPS), 1B Frank Schwindel (.326, 14, 43, .962 OPS), C Willson Contreras (.237, 21, 57).
Projected rotation: RH Kyle Hendricks (14-7, 4.77 ERA), RH Marcus Stroman (10-13, 3.02 for Mets), LH Wade Miley (12-7, 3.37 for Reds), RH Alec Mills (6-7, 5.07), LH Drew Smyly (11-4, 4.48 for Braves).
Quick hit: Better than the end of last season, but still murky at best. Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Javier Báez were shipped off ahead of last year's trade deadline, and the Cubs stumbled to their worst record since they went 66-96 in 2013. The offseason additions of Stroman and Miley should help a pitching staff that finished with a 4.87 ERA last year.

Pittsburgh Pirates



2021: 61-101, last place.
Manager: Derek Shelton (third season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Cardinals.
He's here: LHP José Quintana, C Roberto Perez.
He's outta here: C Jacob Stallings, 1B Colin Moran, RHP Chad Kuhl, LHP Steven Brault.
Top hitters: CF Bryan Reynolds (.302, 24 HRs, 90 RBIs, .912 OPS), 3B Ke'Bryan Hayes (.257, 6, 38), LF Ben Gamel (.255, 8, 26), 1B Yoshi Tsutsugo (.217, 8, 32 with Rays, Dodgers and Pirates).
Projected rotation: RH Mitch Keller (5-11, 6.17 ERA), RH JT Brubaker (5-13, 5.36), RH Wil Crowe (4-8, 5.48), LH José Quintana (0-3, 6.43 with Dodgers and Giants), RH Bryse Wilson (1-4, 4.91).
Quick hit: The Pirates remain very much in the early stages of a top-to-bottom rebuild as Shelton and general manager Ben Cherington enter their third season together. The Pirates' farm system is now littered with high-end prospects like 2021 top overall pick and catcher Henry Davis, 2019 first-round pick and pitcher Quinn Clasher and 2020 first-round pick and infielder Nick Gonzales. That's the good news. The bad news is their arrival is still likely at least a year away, meaning 2022 could look an awful lot like 2021, when the offense sputtered and the pitching was wildly inconsistent. Reynolds was one of the few bright spots while making his first All-Star Game.
Note: Lineups subjects change with late trades/releases.

NL WEST

San Francisco Giants



2021: 107-55, 1st place, lost to Dodgers in NLDS.
Manager: Gabe Kapler (third season).
Opening Day: Friday vs Marlins.
He's here: LHP Carlos Rodon, RHP Alex Cobb, OF Joc Pederson, RHP Jakob Junis.
He's outta here: C Buster Posey, RHP Kevin Gausman, 3B/OF Kris Bryant, RHP Johnny Cueto, INF Donovan Solano, LHP Tony Watson, OF Alex Dickerson, LHP Scott Kazmir, RHP Aaron Sanchez, LHP José Quintana.
Top hitters: SS Brandon Crawford (.298, 24 HRs, 90 RBIs, Gold Glove), 1B Brandon Belt (.274, 18, 56, .975 OPS), OF Mike Yastrzemski (.224, 5, 71), 1B/OF Darin Ruf (.271, 16, 43).
Projected rotation: RH Logan Webb (11-3, 3.03 ERA), LH Carlos Rodon (13-5, 2.37 with White Sox), RH Anthony DeSclafani (13-7, 3.17), LH Alex Wood (10-4, 3.83), RH Alex Cobb (8-3, 3.76 with Angels).
Quick hit: The Giants were the biggest surprise in baseball last year, winning a franchise-record 107 games and edging out the Dodgers for the NL West title on the final day of the season. But then the Giants lost to the Dodgers in a tight, five-game Division Series and now will look to take another step in 2022 after star catcher Posey retired. Prized prospect Joey Bart steps in behind the plate but the offense will still be anchored by the two Brandons, with Crawford and Belt.

Los Angeles Dodgers



2021: 106-56, 2nd place, lost to Braves in NLCS.
Manager: Dave Roberts (seventh season).
Opening Day: Friday at Rockies.
He's here: 1B Freddie Freeman, 2B Hanser Alberto, LHP Andrew Heaney, LHP Tyler Anderson, RHP Daniel Hudson.
He's outta here: SS Corey Seager, RHP Kenley Jansen, RHP Max Scherzer, 1B Albert Pujols, RHP Joe Kelly, 1B Matt Beaty, OF Billy McKinney, LHP Cole Hamels.
Top hitters: SS Trea Turner (.328, 28 HRs, 77 RBIs, .911 OPS, 107 runs, 32 SBs with Nationals and Dodgers), 1B Freddie Freeman (.300, 31, 83, .896 OPS, NL-high 120 runs with Braves), RF Mookie Betts (.264, 23, 58, .854 OPS in 122 games), DH Max Muncy (.249, 36, 94, .895 OPS), 3B Justin Turner (.278, 27, 87, .832 OPS), C Will Smith (.258, 25, 76, .860 OPS).
Projected rotation: RH Walker Buehler (16-4, 2.47 ERA), LH Clayton Kershaw (10-8, 3.55), LH Julio Urías (20-3, 2.96), LH Andrew Heaney (8-9, 5.83 with Angels and Yankees), RH Tony Gonsolin (4-1, 3.23).
Quick hit: After their second 106-win season in three years, the Dodgers came up one game short of the rival Giants in the NL West. They advanced to the NLCS and lost to the Braves, then lured Freeman back to his West Coast roots in a blockbuster signing. Buehler has replaced Kershaw at the top of the rotation and close behind is Urías, who led the majors with 20 wins last season.

San Diego Padres



2021: 79-83, 3rd place.
Manager: Bob Melvin (first season).
Opening Day: Thursday at Diamondbacks.
He's here: OF/1B Matt Beaty, RHP Nick Martinez, RHP Luis Garcia, DH/1B Luke Voit.
He's outta here: Manager Jayce Tingler, LF Tommy Pham, RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Matt Strahm.
Top hitters: SS Fernando Tatis Jr. (.282, NL-leading 42 HRs, 97 RBIs, .975 OPS, 25 SBs in 130 games), 3B Manny Machado (.272, 28, 106, .836 OPS), 2B Jake Cronenworth (.266, 21, 71, .800 OPS), 1B Eric Hosmer (.269, 12, 65, .732 OPS).
Projected rotation: RH Yu Darvish (8-11, 4.22 ERA), RH Joe Musgrove (11-9, 3.18), RH Mike Clevinger (DNP/Tommy John surgery; 3-2, 3.02 with Indians and Padres in 2020), LH Blake Snell (7-6, 4.20), RH Chris Paddack (7-7, 5.07), or RH Nick Martinez (10-5, 1.62 in Japan) or LHP Ryan Weathers (4-7, 5.32).
Quick hit: Spring training opened with the bad news that Tatis, the team's superstar shortstop, had a broken left wrist. He had surgery March 16 and is expected to be out up to three months. The Padres are trying to bounce back from a brutal September collapse that left them with a losing record in a full season for the 10th time since 2011 and cost Tinger his job. They made a surprise hire in Melvin, voted Manager of the Year three times during his 18-season career.

Colorado Rockies



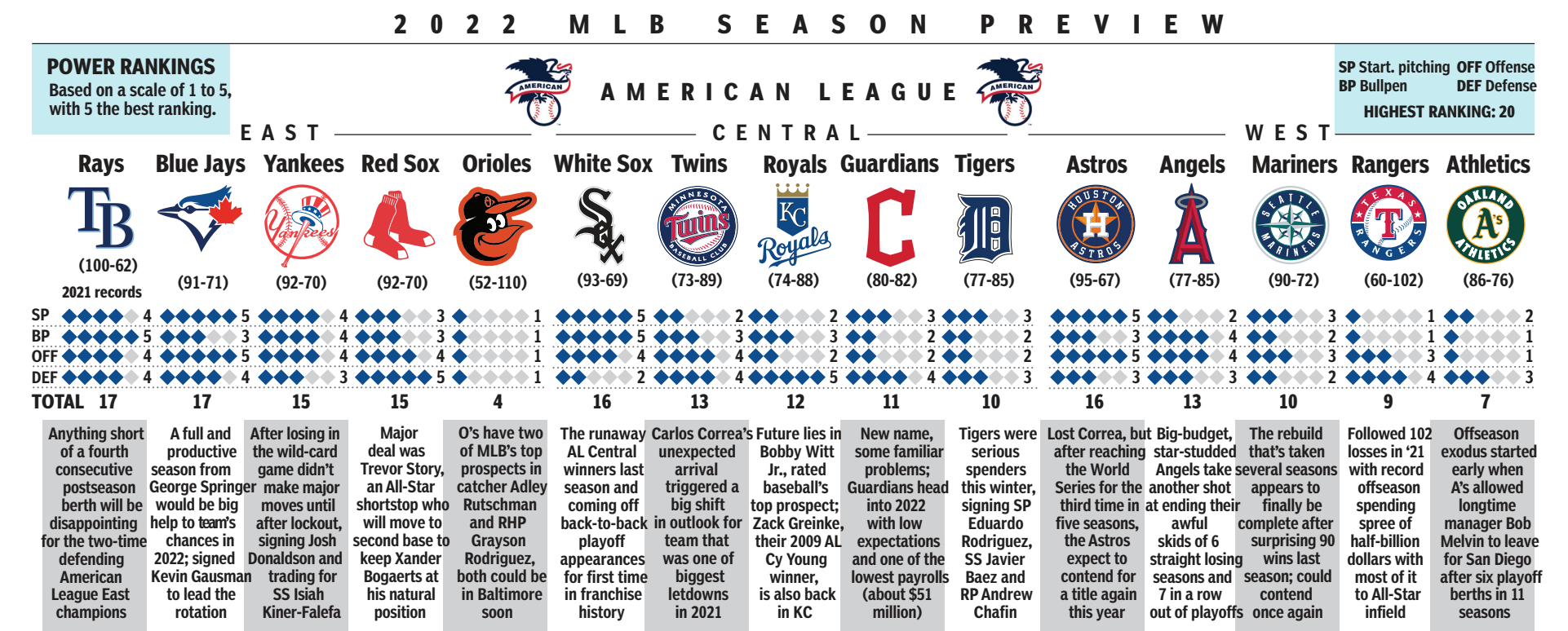
2021: 74-87, 4th place.
Manager: Bud Black (sixth season).
Opening Day: Friday vs. Dodgers.
Here's here: OF/3B Kris Bryant, RHP Alex Colomé, SS Jose Iglesias, OF Scott Schebler, LHP Ty Blach, RHP Chad Kuhl, OF Randal Grichuk.
He's outta here: SS Trevor Story, RHP Jon Gray, OF Raimel Tapia.
Top hitters: LF Kris Bryant (.265, 25 HRs, 73 RBIs with Cubs and Giants), 3B Ryan McMahon (.254, 23, 86), RF/DH Charlie Blackmon (.270, 13, 78), 1B C.J. Cron (.281, 28, 92), 2B Brendan Rodgers (.284, 15, 51).
Projected rotation: RH German Marquez (12-11, 4.40 ERA, 176 Ks), LH Kyle Freeland (7-8, 4.33), RH Antonio Senzatela (4-10, 4.42), LH Austin Gomber (9-9, 4.53), RH Chad Kuhl (5-7, 4.82 with Pirates).
Quick hit: Bryant signed a \$182 million, seven-year deal to help the Rockies contend. The versatile slugger has never experienced a losing season in his big league career and doesn't plan to start now. "I'm always up for a challenge in anything," Bryant said. The Rockies are looking for their first playoff appearance since 2018. They've finished fourth in the NL West each of the last three seasons. Gone are Story and Gray, two popular players in the clubhouse and around the city.

Arizona Diamondbacks

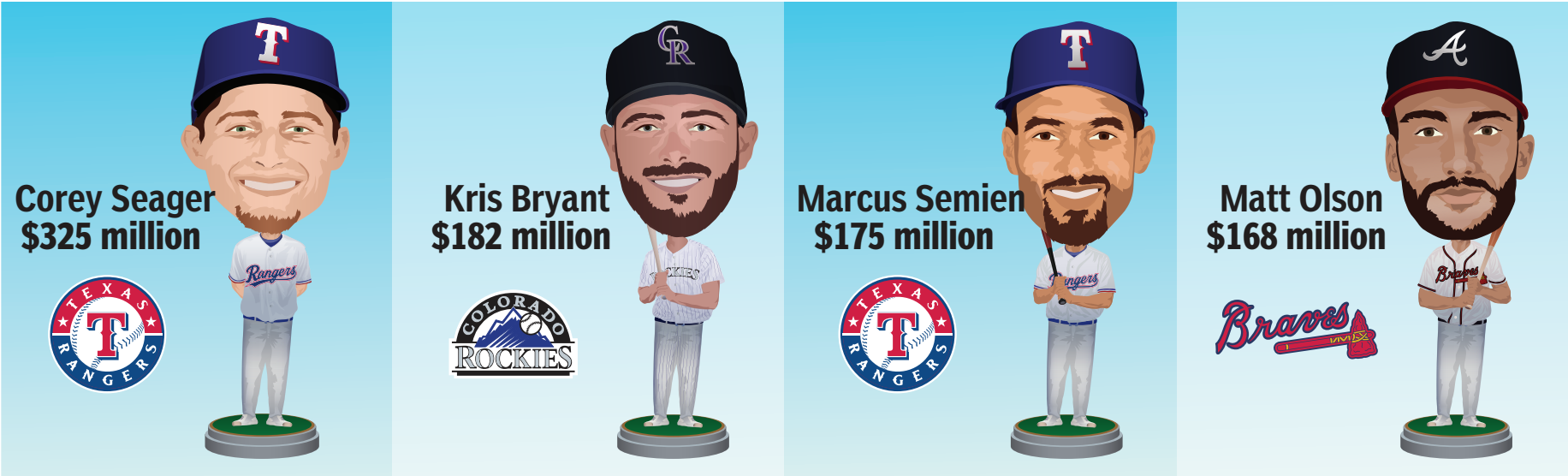


2021: 52-110, last place.
Manager: Torey Lovullo (sixth season).
Opening Day: Thursday vs. Padres.
He's here: RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Zach Davies, RHP Ian Kennedy, RHP Dan Straily, OF Jordan Luplow.
He's outta here: OF Kole Calhoun, INF Andrew Young, RHP Taylor Clarke.
Top hitters: 2B/OF Ketel Marte (.318, 14 HRs, 50 RBIs), INF/OF Josh Rojas (.264, 11, 44), OF David Peralta (.259, 8, 63), OF Pavin Smith (.267, 11, 49), C Carson Kelly (.240, 13, 46).
Projected rotation: LH Madison Bumgarner (7-10, 4.67 ERA), RH Zac Gallen (4-10, 4.30), RH Merrill Kelly (7-11, 4.44), RH Luke Weaver (3-6, 4.25), LH Tyler Gilbert (2-2, 3.15).
Quick hit: The Diamondbacks were dreadful last year, losing 110 games for the second-worst season in franchise history. So it's somewhat surprising they decided to bring back essentially the same roster, though that's at least partly because of a limited budget. The Diamondbacks have some solid young hitters — particularly Matt — and younger arms like Gallen and Weaver could still take a big step forward. The one place the Diamondbacks did upgrade was in the bullpen, bringing in the veteran duo of Melancon and Kennedy. That should solidify the team's options in save situations. Now the big question is whether there will be many leads to protect.
— *Capsules by The Associated Press*

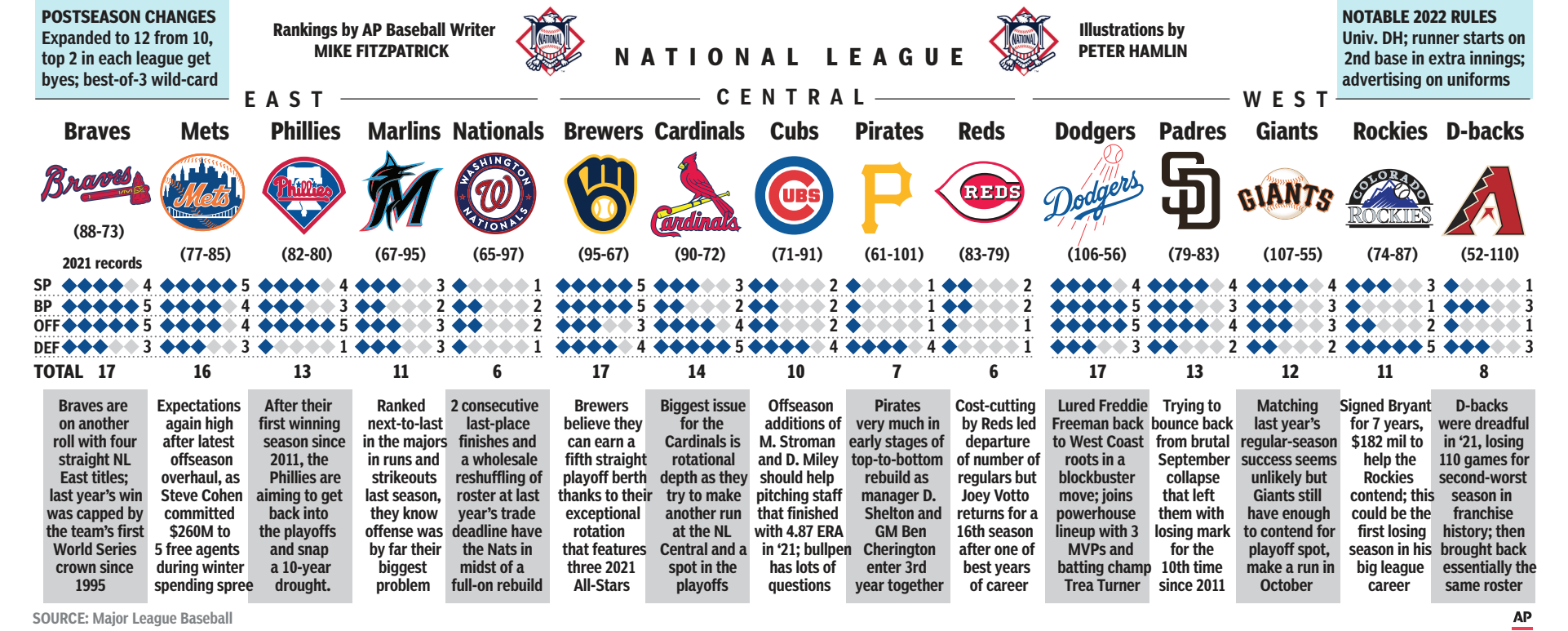
MLB 2022 OVERVIEW



HEAD-TURNING CONTRACTS SIGNED IN MLB OFFSEASON



It's finally time to ditch the collective bargaining jargon and shift focus to Corey Seager's debut in Rangers blue. Seager is among 15 players who signed deals worth \$100 million or more since November. Four of those top 5 contracts were given to free agents who changed teams, a group that includes Seager, Kris Bryant, Marcus Semien and Matt Olson. The other was Wander Franco, who Tampa Bay extended. After a longer, darker winter than usual, Major League Baseball is back. Batter up.



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AP

A rocky relationship

MLB players ponder how Manfred can mend fences after an ugly lockout

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press

Rob Manfred made a startling admission while announcing the end of baseball's bitter labor battle last month: He's failed in his role as a diplomat to players. The acknowledgement was stunning enough that famously polite Atlanta Braves starter Charlie Morton nearly laughed when told about it. "The commissioner said that?" Morton asked.

Indeed, he did. And it prompts a thornier question: What can Manfred do to prove he's sincere about mending this rancorous marriage? "One of the things that I'm supposed to do is promote a good relationship with our players," Manfred said Thursday, after the end of baseball's 99-day lockout. "I've tried to do that. I think that I have not been successful in that." It's perhaps the one point on which Manfred and players agree. "To just put it bluntly, he doesn't do anything for us," St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright said. "I know how that's going to read, so Commissioner Manfred,

don't take it personal. That's just how it looks from a players' standpoint." It may be hard for fans scarred by labor strife to remember, but player relations was once Manfred's specialty. He was elected commissioner by Major League Baseball's 30 owners in 2014 partly because of his record of maintaining labor peace over more than a decade as the league's lead negotiator. Cracks quickly emerged in that foundation. The sport's collective bargaining agreement negotiated in 2016 prompted a slowdown in free agency. A mysterious change to the baseballs spurred a spike in home runs. Astros players evaded punishment after stealing signs en route to a 2017 World Series title, and in defending his investigation, Manfred referred to the championship trophy as a "piece of metal." He apologized days later. A clash over the terms of the pandemic-shortened 2020 season fully fractured the relationship. A work stoppage became inevitable, and the sides agreed to end this winter's lockout just in time to preserve a 162-game regular season. Players have some ideas on where Manfred can improve — starting with the way he speaks publicly, especially about the game. "Maybe just all the comments and stuff," Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Tyler Glasnow offered. "I'd say there was a lot of anger towards, like, the 'piece of metal.' There are small things like that." "I don't think the Lombardi Trophy is a joke to anyone, or whatever they call the NBA trophy, or the Stanley Cup," Rays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier said. "That's not a joke to those guys. I don't hear their commissioners saying stuff like that." Just two weeks ago, Manfred riled up players and fans by joking and laughing with reporters at a news conference to announce

the cancellation of opening day due to the lockout. "We didn't get a deal done two weeks ago, and he's like kind of laughing or smiling," Kiermaier said. "I didn't think anything was funny or comical about what happened." "I think for me it's just more positivity toward the game and players, and that's really it," said New York Yankees reliever Zack Britton, a member of the players' association's executive subcommittee. Some players were encouraged by Manfred's admission, which accompanied a vow to prioritize strengthening the bond between management and players. Manfred said he'd use small steps to begin the healing process, which began with a phone call to union leader Tony Clark shortly after a deal was reached Thursday. A day later, Clark said he "responded accordingly and suggested to him that there's a lot of work to do moving forward with respect to where our game is at and where it needs to head." "For him to come out and say something like that is definitely encouraging," Rays outfielder Austin Meadows said of Manfred's acknowledgement. "I think transparency for both sides, whether it's union, owners, Manfred, I think that that's going to be a big step going forward." Several players even expressed sympathy for Manfred's position. The commissioner is expected to present himself as a steward of the game, but Manfred's actual job is to represent the interests of 30 owners. "In fairness to him, being commissioner, he's got to make sure he watches out for those guys," Wainwright said. There's an understanding that nobody always says the right thing. "Some of the things he said, I think he probably regrets that, I would think," Kiermaier said. "But I'm also sitting here feeling

like I'm talking, walking on eggshells, right? That I'll say something I don't want to." And even an appreciation that in the end, the lockout ended in time to preserve a full season. "It's his job to go ahead and get a deal done," Braves reliever Tyler Matzek said. "A deal got done. We didn't miss any games, so you kind of tip your cap to him." "I do think his job is probably very hard," Glasnow said. "It's hard to put yourself in those shoes." Morton echoed that sentiment. A former union team representative who has played for five clubs entering his 15th season, Morton noted that friction was inevitable amid the complicated dynamic between players, their union, Manfred and team owners. He sees the latter as potentially pivotal to healing the sport's wounds. Morton has been with teams where owners are highly involved and readily available. He's also been on clubs where the boss is rarely seen. Face time between owners and players makes a difference. "It can normalize that relationship, right?" Morton said. "And then that leads to dialogue, hopefully productive dialogue, and you don't have these situations." The 38-year-old Morton was encouraged by Manfred's confession. He hopes there's a connection there to salvage. But he sees enough of the larger picture — what he calls "a very dynamic relationship" with many sides — to believe there's a straightforward solution. "If he feels that way, I mean, the idea that someone wants to be more communicative and open and have a better relationship with people, I don't see how that how that's a negative thing," Morton said. "But at the same time, I know it's tough. So, I don't know."

BASEBALL

YANKEES

Luis Severino throws four scoreless innings vs. Braves

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. — Luis Severino just had to be himself. After missing most of the last three years with injuries, he thought he had to throw harder to prove he was still an elite starter. So he tried to ramp everything up and ended up being slowed down by soreness. Saturday, Severino stayed within himself and that was all he and the Yankees needed. “Every time they give me the ball, that’s what I tried to do, throw hard,” Severino said after throwing four scoreless innings against the Braves at George M. Steinbrenner Field. “And I noticed the last couple of days I don’t need to throw 100, 99 or 98 miles an hour,” Severino said. “If I can control the zone and go 94, 95 to 97, for five [or] six innings and get people out, that’ll be more safe for me.

“I am saving my arm, not trying to overthrow.” That had also Severino looking more like the pitcher that the Yankees had in 2018 before his journey through injuries began. Severino allowed one hit, struck out three in the Yankees’ 10-0 win over the defending World Series champions. He threw 57 pitches with his fastball touching 98 and averaging just over 96 mph. Severino had a scare when he got hit hard in his last outing and then woke up with what he described as “soreness” and “tightness” in his “whole arm” the next morning. The Yankees pushed



Yankees pitcher Luis Severino pauses between pitches during the second inning against the Braves on Saturday in Tampa, Fla. **LYNNE SLADKY/AP**

back his routine and Severino had time to realize that this is part of the routine of a healthy pitcher. “I haven’t pitched for such a long time that every time I feel something I’m worried because I don’t know what’s gonna be next,” Severino said. “So many injuries with my shoulder, my elbow, groin and everything. If I feel something I go to the trainer right away to try to fix it, quick. “But working out tomorrow and even right now feels very comfortable.” That comes from Severino staying within himself. “I think just the mindset of not needing to try and throw 100 like

it’ll be there I think it just felt like he didn’t have to effort his way through those innings as much and he just kind of focused on executing pitches and staying in the delivery and the velo was still there,” Yankees pitching coach Matt Blake said. “So I think it’s just a comfort for him knowing that he doesn’t have to stand on every pitch.” This will have him going into the regular season with a sense of comfort. The Yankees feel more confident too. “I think we want to see him come back tomorrow and just see what that recovery process looks like, but I think that definitely what we had been seeing going into the

games is now starting to translate into the games, all his side work and he’s building on it,” Blake said. “He’s an accomplished pitcher ... we know what Severino looks like. So it’s just a matter of him continuing to own that and repeat it, but definitely feel a lot better.” Severino is penciled in to start the second game of the season against the Red Sox in the Bronx. The Yankees had lefty Nestor Cortes, who is their fifth starter, piggy-backing off Severino’s start Saturday. With an off day in that first week, the Yankees could use Cortes in the same role next Saturday to give them depth — or he was lined up to start in the worst case scenario that Severino did not come out ready for the season.

Happy with PitchCom: The Yankees are on board. After finally breaking out the PitchCom system, which transmits encrypted signs electronically from catcher to pitcher, they are true believers. “I loved it,” left-hander Nestor Cortes said after using it for two innings in the Yankees’ 10-0 win over the Braves. “For a guy like me who has a bunch of pitches, I didn’t have to go through a whole bunch of signs. I could catch the ball, hear the call and then go. I loved it.” MLB gave the sets, which have a wrist band with nine programmable buttons for the catchers and a speaker that slides into the pitcher’s hat, to all the teams to try out this spring. The Yankees initially tested it out Saturday in a live batting practice.



Max Scherzer flips the ball around in the second inning of a spring training game against the Miami Marlins on March 21 in Jupiter, Fla. **SUE OGRICK/AP**

METS

Scherzer scratched with tight hamstring

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — The Mets are dealing with a 1-2 gut-punch. A day after Jacob deGrom learned he would be shut down from throwing for up to four weeks, Max Scherzer was scratched from his Saturday start in an intrasquad game with right hamstring tightness. Scherzer said he considers himself day-to-day, but he isn’t sure when he will pitch again. Now, his Opening Day start is in question. “It’s frustrating,” Scherzer said. “I’ve really worked hard this offseason to really lift my legs heavy, do all the running. I felt like I was in a really good spot with my body and my arm. And it’s frustrating to have my arm, and be at this point, and have a little hiccup in my leg.”

Five days away from Opening Day, Mets manager Buck Showalter said he is not comfortable altering the schedule of the rest of the rotation. In the event Scherzer cannot make his Opening Day outing, starters Chris Bassitt, Carlos Carrasco and Taijuan Walker are likely to remain on their regular rest and pitch games 3, 4, and 5, respectively. Showalter emphasized that Scherzer “is still an option” for Opening Day. But in case he cannot go, the Mets will rely on their pitching depth for the first two games of the season against the Nationals in Washington D.C. One of the options the Mets are considering is opening the season with a bullpen game. “Just because something doesn’t happen on the first game of the season, I’m not going to put the whole thing in disarray for one spot, or even two spots,” Showalter said. “The guys are creatures of habit.”

Scherzer said he first felt his hamstring tighten up while running on Thursday. It’s an injury that he’s dealt with previously in his 14-year big-league career, with hamstring tightness popping up on both of his legs. The right-hander said, in the past, it’s been a minor “hiccup” that generally clears out in a few days. Scherzer said he will listen to Mets trainers on how to proceed, and Mets trainers will listen to Scherzer since the veteran pitcher knows his body well. As of Saturday, Scherzer was more encouraged by the fact that his throwing arm was in good shape.

“But you’re dealing with hammies, you never know,” Scherzer said. “The good news is I’m still able to play catch, and I can still throw the baseball and get on it pretty good. So the likelihood of me being able to pitch around this or pitch through it is a pretty good chance because it’s not showing itself in the throwing mechanics.” Scherzer continued: “You just deal with what you got. This is what I have in front of me. These are obstacles I got. I gotta figure out how to navigate through it. I’ve been pretty good about that in the past. I’ve found a way to get through different injuries. So hopefully this is just another one I can overcome.”

Scherzer stretched out to 90 pitches and six innings in his previous Grapefruit League start. Showalter indicated that, combined with Scherzer’s rest and build up, the ace’s current readiness is still sufficient enough to potentially pitch on Opening Day without a tune-up beforehand. “As far as what you want to do moving forward, how you want to progress with this, it’s all dictated on how well the hamstring feels. I’m not worried about this in the long term but it’s something you’ve got to deal with right now.”

YANKEES COMMENTARY

Cashman needs to stop talking Astros and focus on World Series

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — Sometimes Brian Cashman, one of the best talkers to ever hold a job like his in New York sports and maybe the best of all time, talks too much. That is what happened this week with an interview he gave to The Athletic’s Andy McCullough in which he seemed to blame the Houston Astros for everything bad that has happened to the Yankees over the past five years except all the strikeouts. Cashman is the Yankees. He is supposed to be better than this, in a bigtime job like this, but came up sounding like a smalltimer. I like Cash. Pretty much everybody in this business likes Cash, because he never hides, is never afraid to answer questions. But he looked bad and sounded bad the other day, and made you want to yell at him to stop worrying about the Astros of 2017, and start worrying about the Red Sox and Blue Jays and Rays, unless the Astros have suddenly moved to the American League East without them telling anybody. Here is just part of what he said to McCullough: “The only thing that stopped [us] was something that was so illegal and horrific. So I get offended when I start hearing we

haven’t been to the World Series since ‘09. Because I’m like, ‘Well, I think we actually did it the right way.’ Pulled it down, brought it back up. Drafted well, traded well, developed well, signed well. The only thing that derailed us was a cheating circumstance that threw us off.” As one baseball executive said to me after reading the things Cashman said, “You want people to stop talking about how you haven’t been there since 2009? How about going back to the World Series? You know who did that last year? The Astros did.” But it was Cashman’s choice to relitigate the past, and to focus on the Astros and their sign-stealing. He has a right to still be angry about that, of course. And the right to wonder if the Yankees would have managed to win the ‘17 American League Championship Series if the Astros hadn’t been stealing signs. But what never comes up with this narrative, and this familiar Yankee lament, is this: After taking a three games to two lead in that series, the Yankees went back to Minute Maid Park in Houston and scored a grand total of one run in Games 6 and 7. Somebody has to explain to me what sign stealing had to do with Cashman’s hitters producing a single run in 18 innings, when they were one win away from the Series.

“People are like ‘Oh, we haven’t been to a World Series ...’ and I’m like, ‘Yeah, I don’t think that’s as true a statement as it could be,’” Cashman said to McCullough. As a matter of fact, it is as true a statement as one could be. The Yankees haven’t been back to the World Series since 2009. They couldn’t get past the Red Sox in 2018 and the Astros got them again in 2019, though you know Cash and his fans think that Jose Altuve buzzed the Astros into the World Series that time. And, by the way, whether the Yankees got derailed or not in 2017, what was holding them back in the COVID-shortened 2020 season, when the Rays beat them in five games? What was derailing them last season in a Wild Card game against the Red Sox at Fenway Park, when their \$324 million ace, Gerrit Cole, couldn’t get out of the third inning? The Red Sox not only won a World Series in 2018, they came within two ALCS victories of making it back last season, one in which they weren’t supposed to be anywhere near as good as Brian Cashman’s Yankees, who actually have now gone the last 12 seasons without making it to the Series. The longest the Yankees have gone without making the Series in 100 years is 14 seasons, between 1982 and 1995, right before Joe Torre got to town and

Derek Jeter ran out to shortstop one April day in 1996. They have now won one World Series since 2000. You know what was more damaging in 2017 than the Astros’ sign stealing. The fact that the Astros were the ones who got Verlander at the trade deadline that season and the Yankees did not. “The fans, they’re fanatics for a reason,” Cashman said in The Athletic. “They don’t really care about how it all adds up. They just want to be the last team standing. As do we. But my job, and our front office’s job, is to find a way within the current restrictions that we have, and the options that are available: ‘OK, what can we come up with that solves these problems, as fast as possible?’” We are going to find out all about that starting Thursday afternoon against the Red Sox at the Stadium. Yankee fans don’t want to hear about what the Yankees didn’t do five years ago. They want to know what their team is going to do now. Want to know if Cashman has finally built them a team that can get back to your basic Fall Classic for the first time since, well, you know. They want to know if this is the year when Cashman’s Yankees feel like the Yankees again.

RED SOX

Reliever Barnes working through velocity concerns

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

FORT MYERS, Fla. — It is both early and late in spring training, a notion that makes it both understandable and perhaps a bit concerning for the Red Sox as they watch their relievers prepare for the season. On Saturday, Matt Barnes prompted a measure of consternation while allowing one run on two hits in an inning of work. More notable to the Red Sox than the right-hander’s line was the story being told by his velocity readings. Barnes mostly pitched with his four-seam fastball at 92-93 mph, down from the mid- to high-90s level he reached last spring en route to an All-Star first half. “We’re almost [to Opening Day] and we need to get going,” said Red Sox manager Alex Cora. “The velo’s not there. We see it. ... That was a game-changer last year — velo and attacking. “So we’ll take a look at it and




keep working with him.” Barnes, who will make two more spring training appearances before the team breaks camp Tuesday, is not the only one to elicit concern. Ryan Brasier’s velocity was down early in the spring. Lefty Jake Diekmann, who pitched in a minor-league camp game Saturday, his second of back-to-back days on the mound, has struggled to throw strikes. Hansel Robles, who signed a minor-league deal two weeks ago but just joined the club after resolving visa issues in recent days, has yet to appear in a spring training game. Cora noted that, in a spring training compressed by the lock-out, bullpen arms seem to be scrambling to get the repetitions necessary for a normal spring buildup. “Relievers are the ones who have quote-unquote suffered,” said Cora. “[But] we expect them to be ready. I think everybody’s in

the same boat.” **Sale still docked:** For Chris Sale, a recent pain-free sneeze offered reassurance that the stress fracture in his right rib cage has healed significantly. An MRI on Thursday offered greater clarity. “The bone is healing,” Sale said. “Everything is shrinking. The edema is going away. Good news.” The bone has healed to the point Sale has been able to increase his physical activity to run, jump and, more notably, twist. But the left-hander, now just over five weeks removed from suffering the injury, has not been cleared to start throwing. Sale described his situation as one of “dotting the I’s, crossing the T’s,” with a determination to let the bone heal completely before he starts throwing rather than to the point of pain tolerance. “I feel like I could go out and throw today and be all right,” Sale said. “But there is a difference between going out and throwing

and being all right, and going out and throwing and being great. “I think that’s along the lines of what they want me to be.” While the 33-year-old expressed optimism, a best-case scenario remains a return in May. **Trimming to size:** First baseman Travis Shaw was informed by the team that he is “trending” toward making the Opening Day roster, offering the 31-year-old enough reassurance to pass Saturday on exercising his right to opt out. Shaw, who’d spent the lock-out in free-agent limbo, signed a minor league deal with the Sox in mid-March. The team informed left-hander Derek Holland that he will not make the Opening Day roster, leaving the veteran, who signed a minor-league deal with the club last month, with a decision about whether to opt out of his contract or accept an assignment to Triple-A Worcester. Holland was one of six cuts Saturday.

WEATHER




SUNDAY



Cloudy with periods of rain or showers developing. Southeast wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 50°
LOW 36°




MONDAY



Partly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 54°
LOW 36°




TUESDAY



Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable.

HIGH 56°
LOW 43°




WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy and breezy with showers.

HIGH 52°
LOW 43°

THURSDAY




Mostly cloudy and breezy with showers.

HIGH 54°
LOW 44°

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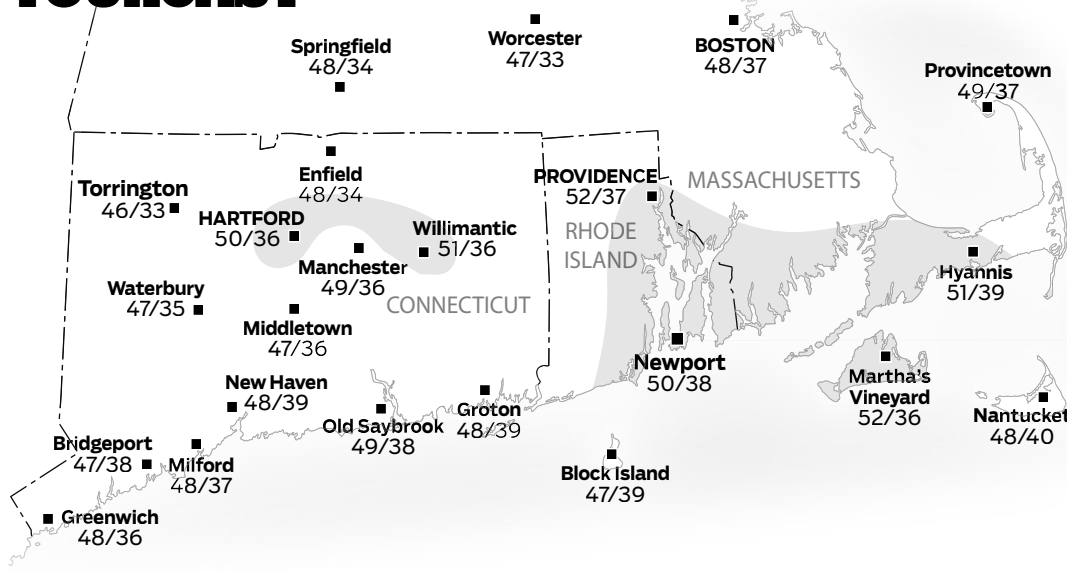
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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A frontal system will cause mostly cloudy skies with periods of rain or showers developing on Sunday. It will be a cool day with high temperatures in the 40s. The precipitation will taper off this evening and the sky should remain mostly cloudy. It will be a chilly night with low temperatures in the 30s. High pressure will bring partly sunny skies and seasonable temperatures on Monday, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine for Tuesday. Both days should have highs in the mid-50s. A period of unsettled, but not washout conditions, are expected on Wednesday and Thursday.

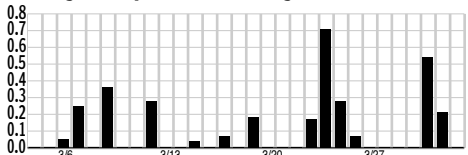
-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.21	0.24	
Total this year	9.69	10.46	
Snowfall In Inches	Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.1
Total this year	31.5	50.8	

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	11:41 a.m.	5:59 a.m.	48°
	11:59 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	12:27 a.m.	6:52 a.m.	46°
	12:52 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	3:10 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	
	3:35 p.m.	10:38 p.m.	
Madison	12:49 a.m.	7:06 a.m.	44°
	1:17 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	
New Haven	1:09 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	42°
	1:37 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	
Stamford	1:13 a.m.	7:44 a.m.	43°
	1:41 p.m.	7:53 p.m.	

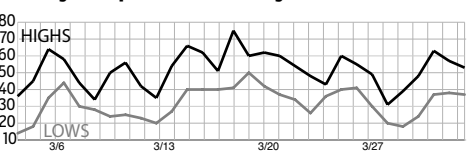
River Stage at Hartford: 10.31 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	Showers	Showers	Showers
Wind	S/SE, 5-10	S/SE, 5-10	S, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	53 at 3:37 p.m.	37 at 6:42 a.m.
Normal for date	54	34
Record for date	77 in 1967	18 in 1919
A year ago	35	27
Range this year	76	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - April 2	4774	5225	4874

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.04 at 11 a.m.	29.84 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	23° at 7 a.m.	16° at 1 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore 60 35 PC	Nashville 66 42 S	San Juan 87 75 PC	Budapest 45 28 R	Kingston 88 74 PC	Stockholm 45 28 PC
Bangor 51 29 PC	Bismarck 46 25 SH	New Orleans 79 62 S	Tucson 83 57 S	Lisbon 61 45 C	Sydney 81 59 S	Tel Aviv 75 56 PC
Burlington 48 31 SH	Boise 64 42 PC	New York 51 38 R		London 50 41 C		Tokyo 57 46 C
Caribou 46 23 C	Buffalo 42 30 SH	Oklahoma City 74 54 PC		Madrid 52 32 PC		Toronto 43 32 SH
Concord 49 31 SH	Charleston 76 50 S	Omaha 64 36 C	Amsterdam 46 34 PC	Milan 54 37 R		Vancouver 46 39 R
Montpelier 46 29 SH	Cincinnati 57 39 PC	Orlando 85 63 PC	Athens 68 46 S	Montreal 43 32 C		Warsaw 39 27 S
Mt. Wash. 25 11 C	Cleveland 43 33 C	Pittsburgh 46 29 C	Bangkok 88 72 PC	Moscow 34 21 SN		
Portland 49 34 C	Indianapolis 56 42 PC	Raleigh 69 38 S	Barbados 84 76 PC	Nassau 83 71 PC		
Woods Hole 49 36 SH	Jacksonville 80 53 S	St. Louis 65 50 PC	Beijing 70 45 S	Paris 46 34 S		
	Las Vegas 80 60 PC	Salt Lake City 62 43 S	Hong Kong 70 61 PC	New Delhi 102 68 S		
NATION	Miami Beach 83 73 T	San Antonio 86 66 S	Beirut 72 63 PC	Prague 41 27 C		
Albany 46 32 SH	Milwaukee 46 34 PC	San Diego 64 57 C	Berlin 43 36 C	Rio de Janeiro 81 73 R		
Albuquerque 72 46 PC			Jerusalem 75 63 C	Rome 55 41 R		
Atlantic City 57 34 SH			Johannesburg 81 54 PC	Seoul 61 41 S		

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

Western Connecticut State University Weather Center

Today 38°
Tomorrow 30°

Moon Phase: First Apr 9, Full Apr 16, Last Apr 23, New Apr 30

Weather page produced by Western Connecticut State University Weather Center

PANTHERS 7, DEVILS 6 OT

Panthers overcome 4-goal deficit to beat Devils in OT

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Gustav Forsling scored twice, including at 1:45 of overtime, and the Florida Panthers overcame a four-goal deficit and beat the New Jersey Devils 7-6 in overtime Saturday.

Aleksander Barkov also had two goals. Defenseman Radko Gudas, Ben Chiarot and Brandon Montour each scored for Florida, which won its third straight game.

Spencer Knight stopped six shots, picking up the victory in relief of goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, who was pulled after allowing six goals on 25 shots in the first two periods.

“We’re a pretty good team. We know we can come back in any game,” Barkov said. “We’re not going to do that every night, come back in the third from four behind, but we have a pretty good group to score four goals in a period.”

New Jersey forward Yegor Sharangovich had his first career hat trick. Jack



Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) celebrates his goal with Claude Giroux (28) and MacKenzie Weegar (52) against the Devils on Saturday in Newark, N.J. BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Hughes, Janne Kuokkanen and Andreas Johnsson also scored for the Devils, who fell for the eighth time in 11 games.

Andrew Hammond took the loss, his first of the season, allowing seven goals on 41 shots in his Devils debut.

“You can’t feel comfortable when you know that team could score the way they do,” Devils coach Lindy

Ruff said of the Panthers, who lead the NHL with 282 goals. “They’re the highest-scoring team in the league, and ... sometimes you’ve got to make a real tough play under duress, and we didn’t make enough of them.”

The Devils led 6-2 after two periods after a four-goal second period that included two goals from Sharangovich.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

Shoreline	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
EAST HAMPTON 8, MORGAN 7	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
EH 100-006-1—8-8-5	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
M 301-300-0—7-6-1	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C
WP: Luke Paluska. LP: Barry Goss. HR: M—Ethan Remsnyder. Rec.: EH—1-0; M—0-1. Note: Avery Hall was 3-for-4 with 2 runs scored and Aiden Palen was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI for East Hampton. Remsnyder was 3-for-3 with 3 RBI, 2 runs scored for Morgan.	54 37 R	Toronto	43 32 SH
COGINCHAUG 9, PORTLAND 1	43 32 C	Vancouver	46 39 R
C 313-101-0—9-13-0	34 21 SN	Warsaw	39 27 S
P 100-000-0—1-4-3	83 71 PC		
WP: Conner Willett. LP: Josh Hanna. Rec.: C—1-0; P—0-1. Note: Willett struck out 14 over 6 innings.	102 68 S		
OLD LYME 8, HALE-RAY 5	46 34 S		
OLD SAYBROOK 11, WESTBROOK 1	41 27 C		
COGINCHAUG 9, PORTLAND 1	81 73 R		
VALLEY REGIONAL 6, NORTH BRANFORD 5	55 41 R		
ECC	61 41 S		
BACON ACADEMY 10, EAST LYME 3	93 75 T		
BA 404-101-0—10-11-2			
EL 011-010-0—3-6-5			
WP: Jack Novak. LP: Alex Dreyfus. HR: BA—Novak. Rec.: BA—1-0; EL—0-1.			
Note: Steven Laliberte was 4-for-4, 2 runs scored, RBI and Alex Pulse had 2 hits, including a 2-run double.			
WINDHAM 15, PUTNAM 9			
Others			
MIDDLETOWN 11, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 2			
M 000-137-0—11-12-0			
HK 000-011-0—2-3-3			
WP: Dan Lapham. LP: Callen Powers. Rec.: M—1-0; HK—0-1. Note: Lapham allowed hits and struck 4 over 5 innings. Ryan Quinn had 2 hits, 2 runs for Middletown. Alex Sheehan had 2 hits for H-K.			
SMSA 11, UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 0 (5)			
EAST CATHOLIC 14, CHENEY TECH 3			
PLATT 13, WILCOX TECH 0			
SOMERS 6, PLAINVILLE 3			
BROOKFIELD 8, HAND 4			
ROCKY HILL 15, VINAL TECH 0			
NEW CANAAN 8, LYMAN HALL 4			
Preps			
AVON OLD FARMS 18, CHOATE 6			
C 000-402-000—6-6-5			
AOF 520-611-03x—18-18-5			
WP: R. Anderson. LP: White. Rec.: AOF—1-0; C—0-1. Note: R. Puglisi was 4-for-6 with 7 RBI, 2 runs scored and A. Ainsworth was 3-for-5 with 4 RBI, 4 runs scored for Avon.			

SOFTBALL

CCC-South	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
BERLIN 3, BRISTOL EASTERN 2	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
CCC-Inter	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
TOLLAND 10, ROCKY HILL 5	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C
RH 020-001-2—5-7-3	54 37 R	Toronto	43 32 SH
T 110-143-X—10-10-3	43 32 C	Vancouver	46 39 R
WP: Elsie McCaffrey. LP: Kehoe. HR: T—McCaffrey, Kaelyn Blaise. Rec.: T—1-0; RH—0-1. Note: McCaffrey struck out Band had a HR, 3 runs scored and Blaise had a HR, triple, 5 RBI, 2 runs scored.	34 21 SN	Warsaw	39 27 S
Shoreline	83 71 PC		
WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 15, OLD SAYBROOK 14	102 68 S		
MORGAN 12, EAST HAMPTON 4	46 34 S		
OLD LYME 8, HALE-RAY 4	41 27 C		
ECC	81 73 R		
WINDHAM 10, PUTNAM 0 (5)	55 41 R		
P 000-00-0—1-1	61 41 S		
W 224-11—1—8-2	93 75 T		
WP: Analise Escarraman. LP: Halie Reidy. Rec.: W—1-0; P—0-1. Note: Escarraman struck out 13, Alyssa Figueroa was 3-for-3 with a double, 3 RBI and Aniya Jenkins was 2-for-3 with 2 runs scored.			
Others			
ROCKVILLE 7, MERCY 0			
R 000-050-2—7-6-0			
M 000-000-0—0-2-3			
WP: Alexis Real. LP: Gwen Religa. Rec.: R—1-0; M—0-1. Note: Real had 16 strikeouts. Madison Pitkin and Mikayla Leskey each had 2 hits for Rockville.			

Amelia Andruskiewicz had a double for Mercy.

WETHERSFIELD 15, SUFFIELD 1

WP: Mackenzi Banet. LP: Haylie Graham. HR: W—Alyssa Pericello. Rec.: W—1-0; S—0-1.

NORTHWESTERN 25, GRANBY 4

CROWMELL 6, COVENTRY 1

HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 4, ELLINGTON 3

SOMERS 9, VALLEY REGIONAL 0

PLATT 8, WILCOX TECH 6

BOYS LACROSSE

SCC	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
SHEEHAN 8, BRANFORD/EAST HAVEN 7	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
Others	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
CONARD 7, TRUMBULL 2	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C
Goals: C—Will Tousignant (4), Luke Shaffer (2), Brayden Grainger, CJ Nelson. Saves: C—Trevor Dalton, 13.	54 37 R	Toronto	43 32 SH
Rec.: C—1-0; T—0-1.	43 32 C	Vancouver	46 39 R
LASALLE ACADEMY (R.I.) 9, CHESHIRE 7	34 21 SN	Warsaw	39 27 S
ST. JOSEPH 17, OLD LYME 5	83 71 PC		
LYMAN HALL 12, MIDDLETOWN 2	102 68 S		
WATERFORD 4, RHAM 2	46 34 S		
IONA PREP (N.Y.) 9, GLASTONBURY 7	41 27 C		
OLD SAYBROOK 11, LEDYARD/GRISWOLD 5	81 73 R		
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 12, GRANBY 3	55 41 R		

GIRLS LACROSSE

SCC	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
SHA 17, MERCY 3	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
Goals: S—Emily Degrand (7), Alexa Guercia (2), Charlotte Brown (2), Stella Carney, Elizabeth Haag, Jillienne Lee, Emily Haag, Emma Kirk; M—Maddy Carbone (2), Mackenzie Kelley. Saves: M—Callia Borkowski, 8. Rec.: S—1-0; M—0-1.	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
CHESHIRE 9, AMITY 8 (OT)	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C
Others	54 37 R	Toronto	43 32 SH
FORAN 17, ROCKVILLE 10	43 32 C	Vancouver	46 39 R
Goals: F—Mia Williams (5), Mallory Janik (3), Kaylee Payne (2), Mackenzie Posey (2), Grace Foley (2), Zoe Fallon (2), Ava Deitelbaum; R—Olivia Mistretta (8), Crystal Schambach, Audrey Molin. Saves: R—Mandi Rivard, 8. Rec.: F—1-0; R—0-1.	34 21 SN	Warsaw	39 27 S
GRANBY 12, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 3	83 71 PC		
Goals: G—Alyssa Mackowski (6), Makenna Cassin (4), Jayne Hiatt (2); NWC—CB Brenner (2), Alina Cote. Saves: G—Gracey McDonald, 2; NWC—Gabby Hutchinson, 8. Rec.: G—1-0; BACON ACADEMY 17, ROCKY HILL 4	102 68 S		
HAND 13, FAIRFIELD LEDUOWE 12	46 34 S		
OLD SAYBROOK 13, LEDYARD CANTON 5, HALL 4	41 27 C		

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

SCC	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
XAVIER 3, HAND 0	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
Others	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
CHESHIRE 3, SIMSBURY 1	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C
C: Tim Nugent, 35assists, 6digs, Gianluca Giardina, 13kills, 3aces; S: Anderson Piller, 38assists, 5digs. Rec.: C—1-0; S—0-1.	54 37 R	Toronto	43 32 SH
DARIEN 3, FARMINGTON 0 (25-12, 25-12, 25-17)	43 32 C	Vancouver	46 39 R
D: Trevor Herget, 17kills, 6aces, 3digs. Rec.: D—1-0; F—0-1.	34 21 SN	Warsaw	39 27 S
NEWINGTON 3, ROCKVILLE 0	83 71 PC		

GIRLS TENNIS

SCC	88 74 PC	Stockholm	45 28 PC
SHEEHAN 6, LYMAN HALL 1	61 45 C	Sydney	81 59 S
Others	50 41 C	Tel Aviv	75 56 PC
NORTH HAVEN 7, WILCOX TECH 0	52 32 PC	Tokyo	57 46 C

FRIDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA Div. I Tourney—Final Four

UConn 63, STANFORD 58

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

UConn 8, KENT STATE 6 (10)

STONY BROOK 9-7, HARTFORD 5-5

CENTRAL 7-14, BRYANT 2-1

TRINITY 6-4, BATES 5-1

AMHERST 7-20, WESLEYAN 6-5

WAGNER 14-11, PLYMOUTH STATE 1-5

CORNELL 2-12, YALE 1-9

QUINNIPAC 5-9, CANISUS 2-15

SACRED HEART 8-3, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 7-10

FAIRFIELD 5-11, NIAGARA 2-5

SOFTBALL

UConn 5, BUTLER 0

UMASS LOWELL 8-9, HARTFORD 0-4

MOUNT ST. MARY'S 4-4, CENTRAL 2-1

TRINITY 8-7, BATES 1-1

EASTERN 8-2, SOUTHERN MAINE 1-4

ST. JOSEPH 8-2, ELMS 0-7

YALE 4-2, BROWN 3-4

CANISUS 10-5, QUINNIPAC 0-1

SACRED HEART 12-1, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 4-9

RIDER 1-8, FAIRFIELD 0-0

MEN'S LACROSSE

TRINITY 20, MARITIME 4

KEENE STATE 16, EASTERN 2

NORWICH 13, ST. JOSEPH 10

YALE 12, PENN 11

MARIST 17, QUINNIPAC 10

WAGNER 14, SACRED HEART 8

FAIRFIELD 12, HOFSTRA 10

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

UConn 18, MARQUETTE 15

KEENE STATE 13, EASTERN 10

NORWICH 13, ST. JOSEPH 12

YALE 15, BROWN 13

NIAGARA 9, QUINNIPAC 8

SACRED HEART 12, HOWARD 2

FAIRFIELD 20, MARIST 12

MEN'S TENNIS

TUFTS 8, TRINITY 1

MIDDLEBURY 8, WESLEYAN 1

WOMEN'S TENNIS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY 6, UCONN 1

TUFTS 9, TRINITY 0

WESLEYAN 7, MIDDLEBURY 2

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA Div. I Tourney—Championship

UConn vs. South Carolina, 8p.m.

BASEBALL

Yale at Cornell, noon

Canisius at Quinnipiac, noon

Niagara at Fairfield, noon

UConn at Kent State, 1p.m.

Bryant at Central, 1p.m.

Bates at Trinity, 1p.m.

Fairleigh Dickinson at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

UConn at Butler, 11a.m.

Quinnipiac at Niagara (2), 11a.m.

Hartford at UMass Lowell, noon

Central at Mount St. Mary's, noon

Bates at Trinity, noon

LaSalle at St. Joseph (2), noon

Fairfield at Monmouth (2), noon

Brown at Yale, 12:3

Hartford Courant

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There is something so fresh and clean about bringing produce into a display that breathes new air into our spaces.



Garden-inspired decor, like the tomato plates left, is light and airy without bringing out the tulips too early in the season. Since it is still too early for fresh garden supplies, these faux veggies and herbs, above, save the day and look good enough to eat. **COURTESY PHOTOS**

FARM FRESH STYLES

Garden-inspired decor can breathe new life into our spaces for spring

By Katie Laughridge
Tribune News Service

Despite the chill outside, it is full spring ahead in the decor world. It is always a strange time to walk into a warm and colorful shop. This in-between time can also pose some decorating challenges.

What is a home to do when it feels too early for full floral, but you don't want to live in a winter wasteland for another month?

This isn't a one-size-fits-all answer, but this year I am doing what I love to do

year-round — bringing out the veggies.

Garden-inspired decor is light and airy without bringing out the tulips too early in the season. It's OK to tiptoe into spring!

With this look, I started by featuring some of my favorite classic cabbage dishes on my existing tabletop displays. The classic cabbage dishes are a timeless addition to any china cabinet and perfect for almost any season (however, they really shine in the spring and summer months!).

By slowly adding in these

Turn to Farm, Page 7

Accessory dwellings get another look in tight housing market

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Amid a persistent housing crunch in many parts of the country, some people are finding a solution in Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, also known as granny flats, in-law units or backyard bungalows.

These small homes — separate from the main house — tend to be low-impact and energy-efficient. Where legal, they can add housing to a neighborhood while causing less disruption than constructing new apartment buildings, proponents say.

They're getting a new look in today's tight housing market; the last couple of years have seen a shortage of homes for sale, and many are selling for above listing price, according to economists and real estate brokers.

Sheri Koonen, whose new book, "Bigger than Tiny, Smaller than Average", features several examples of ADUs, says they are part of a shift toward smaller, more affordable and energy-efficient homes.

High ceilings, abundant

natural light, built-in furniture and open floor plans can make ADUs feel more livable than their modest footprints might indicate, says Koonen, who has written extensively about small homes and sustainable building.

"In our experience, a small space can truly be a generous living experience," agrees Scott Mooney, an architect in the Portland, Oregon, area who designed an ADU with his wife, Lauren Shumaker, a construction engineer.

They've been living in it for over four years, sharing the 624-square-foot space with their toddler and dog. They rent out the larger 1950s bungalow that had already existed on the 5,000-square-foot property.

"The key is maximizing outdoor access, with lots of light, lots of views, pocket doors instead of swing doors and plenty of built-ins. It's a lot like what you see in RVs or custom vans," Mooney says.

An ADU could be created by converting a detached garage, or building an apartment above an attached garage. It could



An Accessory Dwelling Unit is a small home separate from a main house.

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be part of a basement, with a separate entrance. Or it could be a new structure if the property is large enough; there are prefab ADUs or blueprints available to buy.

While, for the most part, these units cannot be sold separately from a home, they can be places for elderly parents or adult

children to live, or can be used as home offices or guest homes. In some areas, they can be rented out or, as with the Moonneys, provide housing for the homeowners, who then rent out the main house.

"Thousands of jurisdictions across the country, primarily on the West Coast, permit ADUs. In

much of the country, though, rules vary widely from one jurisdiction to another," says Kol Peterson, editor of the online site AccessoryDwellings.org, a clearinghouse for information. The site keeps a list of where ADUs are allowed nationwide and which architects or builders specialize in them.

Homeowners should check with their local municipality for rules, since ADUs are sometimes restricted to a certain height, for example, or their footprint must be limited to a certain percentage of the property.

According to Peterson — who built his own ADU and has been living in it for more than a decade — the units help mitigate housing shortages.

They provide homeowners with a way to make a little rent money in neighborhoods that have grown expensive, he says, and offer renters spaces that rent for less than larger, traditional houses.

Peterson says ADUs are more feasible where laws have been mandated at the state level, such as in California and Oregon, as opposed to places where it's up to local authorities and proposed legislation can end up being onerous.

But the rules are changing quickly.

"Pretty much every day now we're seeing more municipalities that are deciding to start allowing ADUs," says Peterson.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Who can inherit property if you have no heirs?

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: What choices are there for a person with no immediate heirs, who doesn't want the house and other assets to go to the cousins? Who or what can inherit?

A: We get a lot of questions about estates and inheritances, primarily because a house typically makes up the biggest portion of an estate. Parents are always concerned about whether they should split an inheritance equally (quick answer: not always), and we try to provide options for a variety of circumstances.

Occasionally, we've been asked how to avoid leaving family (the presumed heirs) any part of an estate. Parents or other relatives typically seek to exclude family members when there has been an emotional or physical break: Perhaps someone has done something truly horrific or maybe they've just been unkind, forgetful or simply absent from family life.

Over the years we've been writing this column, we've helped readers sort through a variety of problems, ranging from emotional to elder abuse to financial abuse — all of which are valid reasons to avoid leaving someone a piece of your estate.

But you don't need a reason to exclude someone from getting your money or property after you die. You just need to decide what you want to do and then take steps to ensure your wishes are carried out.

The easiest way to do this is to write a will that specifically names the heir(s) to your estate. These heirs could be friends, more distant relatives, the maintenance engineer who helps you when something



Decide who you want to inherit your property and then take steps to ensure your wishes are carried out. **DREAMSTIME**

breaks in your apartment, a nurse or personal assistant who takes care of you, or even a charity or nonprofit that does good work in your community or abroad. You don't have to let the people or the organization know your wishes ahead of time.

Another option is to set

up a trust. You would retitle your assets into the name of the trust, and then name the successor beneficiary for the trust. You would be the beneficiary when the trust starts out. You may then name any successor individual or organization as the beneficiary of the

trust. You may also name multiple successor beneficiaries for the trust.

You can arrange this with an estate attorney. Or if you've decided to give your assets to a nonprofit, you can contact them to see if they can help you cover the fees for setting up the char-

itable trust, since they will be the beneficiary of your estate.

Think carefully about what you want to do, but if your family members don't want or need your assets, or you don't care to leave it to them, there are so many organizations that would

generally welcome this sort of gift and make great use of the proceeds.

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Regular checkups are vital to the maintenance of HVAC systems. **DAVID SPATES/DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

Good time for AC inspection

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

How long would you drive your car without changing the oil? You should think about heating and air conditioning the same way. Your HVAC system works harder than nearly any other system in your house. It often runs daily, working hard to heat or cool your home in response to the temperature outside. That's a lot of wear and tear on an expensive system.

Regular HVAC maintenance keeps your system in tip-top shape, lubricates the gears (literally), and minimizes wear-and-tear damage. HVAC pros recommend getting your system inspected twice a year: once in spring before AC season begins and once in fall before you start using your heating. A typical AC inspection costs between \$50 and \$200 and takes about an hour — but this quick inspection can save you thousands in the long run. If you have a service contract with your HVAC provider, this often includes twice-yearly checkups.

Consider this work to

be a valuable investment in your future. Sooner or later, problems always develop in HVAC systems. With regular maintenance, you both minimize the wear and tear and catch minor issues before they become major ones.

Regular inspection benefits you in more ways than just preventing AC repairs. They'll also lower your energy bills by helping your system run more efficiently. A well-maintained AC doesn't have to work as hard to generate the same amount of cold air. Plus, keeping your AC in good shape increases your air quality.

Here's what you can expect from a professional AC inspection:

- Inspect the motor, blower, drain line and coils
- Check operating pressures and temperatures
- Verify refrigerant levels
- Lubricate where needed
- Check ducts for potential air leaks
- Test electrical components

DIY ways to care for your HVAC

Pros should handle most HVAC cleaning and maintenance. However, you

can improve efficiency in between inspections with these three simple DIY steps:

1. Change the filters as recommended by the manufacturer: Some filters last several months, while others must be changed every month depending on size. Better filters are worth the money. You don't want a filter you can easily see through. Some pros call those “bowling ball catchers” because they only filter out big particles.

2. Clean your outdoor unit: Clear at least a few feet around your outdoor AC unit and ensure plants don't invade its space during the growing season. When plants or debris block the outdoor unit, it takes more energy to transfer heat into the air and needlessly runs the system longer and harder.

3. Keep an eye on your system: Every so often, take a look at your central HVAC system. It doesn't need to be a thorough inspection; a quick peek will do. You're looking for frozen or dirty coils or water leaks. If you catch these problems early, they'll be easier (and less costly) to repair.

TREASURES

Mad Hatter tea set is likely copy of Schafer and Vater's

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: My mother passed on to me the tea set shown in the attached photographs. It is marked “Shofu China.” It is in mint condition and has lived in our china cabinet for over 50 years. I would like to learn more about it and its value. Can you help me?
A: “‘Curiouser and curiouser!’ cried Alice ...”

Yes, this partial tea set, which consists of a teapot and six cups and saucers, is indeed curious. If it were marked with the numbers 3867 on the teapot and 3847 on the cups and saucers, we would know they were made by the Schafer and Vater Company of Rudolstadt, Thuringia, Germany.

Founded in 1890 and in business until the early 1960s, the company was famous for its figural work and a type of pottery called German Jasperware. This type of ware is a bisque porcelain, usually with a colored background and raised decorations in one or more contrasting colors.

This is opposed to English Jasperware, which

is pottery and has a colored background with applied, raised decoration usually white. English Jasperware was invented in 1774 by Josiah Wedgwood. German Jasperware was introduced much later and was much cheaper to produce.

In the 1930s, Schafer and Vater introduced their Mad Hatter tea set, which was based on characters in Lewis Carroll's “Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.” The tea party is found in Chapter 7 and features Alice, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare and the Dormouse. The Schafer and Vater tea set features only the Mad Hatter and Alice, with the former in his top hat and the latter in a ruffled top with balloon sleeves and a tall ribbon/bow on top of her head. The tea set is usually found in pink and green German Jasperware.

This is very similar to this. One glaring exception is the bow is missing from Alice's hair. In any event, it is marked “Shofu China” inside a shaped red reserve. There is little history we could find about this company beyond that they were (are?) located in

Nagoya, Japan. Their products can be found marked “Nippon” (1891-1921) and “Made in Japan” or just “Japan” (post-1921). Shofu China wares are also found marked “Made in Occupied Japan,” which was a designation in use from 1945 to 1952.

We feel the Mad Hatter tea set in today's question is a copy of the Schafer and Vater set and must have been made after the 1930s. Our guess is the set is post-WWII, circa 1950. But it is still a very uncommon set.

Schafer and Vater Mad Hatter tea sets sell at auction in the \$475 to \$700 range, but we believe because this set is a copy, it might sell for a bit less.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.



A variety of tea sets depict an “Alice in Wonderland” theme. This one is a Japanese interpretation of a German design. **COURTESY**

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 11 Westfield Road, West Hartford

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Property of the Week

1920s West Hartford Home Blends Character with Contemporary Style

By Karen A. Avitabile

Modern updates convey a warm, contemporary style in a classic 1920s colonial in West Hartford. This nine-room, 2,536-square-foot home at 10 Westfield Road, is a showstopper with five bedrooms, three full and one half bathrooms and a huge space on a separate third level.

“This home has a lot of character and charm with warm coastal updates,” says the home’s listing agent, Kevin D. Rockoff.

Curb appeal is very inviting with a covered front porch, large enough for dining or lounging on a comfortable couch or chairs. The porch is encased by columns and railings. A sidewalk extends from the road to the front-door stairs. The oversize driveway leads to the two-car detached garage in the rear of the home.



Inside, the home is light, bright and open, perfect for entertaining and family time. Custom touches, including window treatments, ceiling fans, wainscoting, vast millwork, crown molding, French doors and wood floors, give each room a cozy and peaceful feeling. The home has been freshly painted and every room has been updated. More than 100 years after it was built, the home’s original storm windows have been lovingly restored.



The entryway has an open seating area near the curved stairway, spacious enough to sit on a bench and take off your shoes. The first floor features a large living room adorned by Roman shades and a natural gas fireplace decorated by a tile surround and a mantel. The space opens to a roomy dining room that can accommodate guests for a party or a holiday dinner.

Enter an updated eat-in kitchen with lots of windows, a tile backsplash, stainless appliances, a butcher block table and numerous white cabinets, some which have glass fronts and pull-out drawers. A door in the kitchen exits to the back of the home. Also on the first floor is a powder room, a study and a mudroom with a tile floor, built-ins and access to the two-level deck in the backyard.



The offset staircase, with a landing, overlooks the main level. The second floor has three bedrooms and two full bathrooms that are unusually well-sized for the home’s time period. The updated primary suite is the perfect retreat for relaxation. A separate space, adorned by a wall of built-in closets and shelves, could be used as a seating room or as a changing area. The gorgeous bathroom has a seamless glass-door walk-in shower, double vanities and lots of storage. The family bathroom on this level has a shower-tub combination.



Take a back staircase to the third level where two more bedrooms are located. These spaces, which include built-ins, could easily be transformed into a reading nook, a library, a man cave, a game room or an office. The full bathroom on this level has a freestanding claw-foot bathtub. The home has a full basement that can be finished for a workshop, an exercise room or additional living area.

The home is on public water and sewer, and is heated by hot water baseboard gas heat. The exterior consists of stucco and wood-frame tied together by an asphalt-shingle roof. The two-tiered deck is a convenient spot for outdoor grilling or hanging out with friends. The tree-lined, quarter-of-an-acre property was professionally landscaped in 2020. Fencing provides privacy in each direction.



The location of the home is within walking distance of West Hartford’s town center and Blue Back Square. “It’s a wonderful location,” says Rockoff, owner of Rockoff Realty. “You can walk to all the great restaurants and shops.”

Private showings of the home are underway. For property details, a description and photos of the home, visit www.rockoffrealty.com.

Rockoff says his company stands out from others because of its 1 percent full-service listings real estate brokerage, lower than many real estate companies.

“There’s no gimmicks or gotchas,” Rockoff, says, adding that this pricing model has saved home



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Karen A. Avitabile is a freelance writer based in Plantsville.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

11 Westfield Road, West Hartford

Built: 1920

Price: \$549,000

Style: Colonial

Rooms: 9

Bedrooms: 5

Baths: 3 full, 1 half

Square footage: 2,536

Acreage: .24

Mill rate: 42.42

Best feature: Completely renovated home but maintains its original character

Contact: Kevin D. Rockoff, (860) 882-9598, kevin@rockoffrealty.com, www.rockoffrealty.com

WEST HARTFORD

Looking for a light, bright, open & updated home in a great location? This may be the one! This home is filled with natural light & is situated on a great lot with a wooded backyard. The recent improvements are substantial and include roof, skylights, boiler/hot water heater, central air, vinyl siding, kitchen cabinets, granite counters, new appliances, electrical upgrade & new windows in most rooms. The hardwood floors have recently been refinished & interior rooms freshly painted. When you enter the front door, you see a large first level room which can be utilized as a living room, playroom or workspace. One of 2 renovated full baths is also found on this level, close to the office/guest room. As you gaze ahead & up the staircase you're greeted by a dramatic & expansive family room with a vaulted ceiling, fireplace, recessed lighting, hardwood floors, & a slider out to a large deck for summer get togethers. The kitchen is a dream with crisp white cabinets, white subway tile backsplash, granite counters, new appliances, skylight & garden window. Up a 2nd flight of stairs, you'll find 3 bedrooms & another renovated full bathroom. The rear deck overlooks the spacious, flat backyard which is bordered by trees for great privacy. This home has a great location with easy access to downtown Hartford, XL Center for concerts & sporting events, Yard Goats games at Dunkin Donuts Park, Bushnell Performing Arts Center, Hartford Stage Company & so much more! MLS# 170476766 \$399,900. 95 Northbrook Dr, West Hartford CT. Lori Meyerson (860) 983-4792 | LM@bhhsne.com



WEST HARTFORD

Bright and beautiful colonial. Stunning grounds with lots of mature plantings. Living room, wood burning fireplace leading to the family room with built-ins, window seat, 2nd fireplace and door to rear patio. Library was a former music room, possible office. Dining room with large window, western exposure door to eat-in kitchen. Lots of space for cooking, breakfast bar with two stools, lots of windows and door to patio with lots of natural light. Second level consists of 4 bedrooms and two full baths side by side in hallway and whole house fan. Heated rec room in basement, third full bathroom, laundry room and plenty of storage space, unfinished workshop with cedar closet. Custom built shed in back yard, large patio, driveway is pavers. Walk to Norfeldt, Hall High, Northwest, Eisenhower Park and Wampanoag Country Club! MLS# 170476732 \$475,000. 134 Richmond Ln, West Hartford, CT. John Balf Morgan (860) 989-8096 | johnbalfmorgan@bhhsne.com

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

2 Fairview St, Cortigiano 3rd, Louis A to Sarwari, Jamshed, 3/14, \$305,000
6 Martin Ter, Bickford Jr, James J and Bickford, Theresa A to Gijdoda, Rozeta, 3/14, \$327,000
8 Spring St, Flood, Matthew and Flood, Julie to Rocheleau, Kevin, 3/15, \$255,000
10 Coe Ln, Capela, Michele to Martinez, Pamela, 3/14, \$320,000
26 Winesap Ct Lot 26, Grosner, Nancy A to Scarpa, Sandra, 3/18, \$170,000
34 Finney St, Pellegrino Jr, Lawrence R to Belicia, Anna, 3/17, \$280,000
55 Benz St, TLC Curtis LLC to Spencer, Elizabeth, 3/18, \$227,500
89 Franklin St, Scarpa, Richard J to Pitter, Herman and Pitter, Daisy, 3/17, \$245,000

ASHFORD

73 Lakeview Dr, Conway, Jesse and Conway, Kate to Lee, Joseph A, 3/16, \$259,000

AVON

10 Edgewood Ct Lot 10, A&T Kripp T and Kripp, Andrew I to Kumar, Vinod, 3/16, \$196,000
11 Wheeler Rd, Dains, Susan to Duffy, Sarah and Duffy, Daniel, 3/16, \$327,000
23 Cottonwood Dr Lot 23, Bergman, John and Caruso, Marci to Murphy, Dianne M and Murphy, Paul D, 3/14, \$304,000
27 Lenox Rd, Stein, Ariel M to Li, Qing and Zhao, Zelin, 3/16, \$645,000
90 Fairway Ridge, Sunlight Construction Inc to Lee, Samuel L and Lee, Susan A, 3/14, \$225,650
95 Stagecoach Rd, Jiang, Tao to Amin, Radhesh and Amin, Elizabeth, 3/14, \$540,000

BARKHAMSTED

10 E West Hill Rd, Hughes Caroli A Est and Lefoll, Tammy L to Hamilton, Douglas and Hamilton, Rosemary, 3/16, \$332,000

BEACON FALLS

7 Ellen Dr, Georgette, David L to Angeletti, Edward J and Sember, Amanda K, 3/14, \$315,000
10 Starwood Ln, Jahan, Mir S to Riffel, Christine and Riffel, Michael, 3/14, \$256,000
16 Oak Dr, Denman, Richard to Pagan, Daniel and Arroyo, Betsy, 3/18, \$450,000
26 Westview Rd, MWP LLC to BF Edge Properties LLC, 3/17, \$80,000
126 Essex Ct Lot 126, Yopp, Maureen and Yopp Sr, Robert J to Bayusik, Stephanie, 3/18, \$187,000

BERLIN

48 Casner Dr, Gilbert, Joshua R and Gilbert, Candida J to Ortega, Deborah and Rodriguez, Damien N, 3/14, \$360,000
62 Peck St, Patricia Clare Kiniry RET and Kiniry, Anthony to King, Andrew C, 3/14, \$355,000
91 Scarborough Fare Lot 91, Cardello Janice A Est and Donlin, Christopher J to Marino, Sebastian, 3/14, \$309,900
944 Worthington Rgd, Rice, Richard to Pollack, Sarah and Pollack, Ross M, 3/14, \$380,000

BETHEL

7 Pleasant St, Toroni Robert J Est and Quinn, Jeanne H to Debakker, Jan and Rubaldo, Lisa, 3/14, \$275,000
18 Fleetwood Ave, Schoen, Claudia D to Kulp, William, 3/14, \$548,000
30 Rockwell Rd, Noyce Isabel Burns Est and Noyce, Ruth to Smith, Claudia D, 3/17, \$200,000
43 Fairchild Dr, Grillo, Christian to Fazzino, Patricia J and Fazzino, Brian E, 3/16, \$425,000
125 Codfish Hill Rd, Kennedy LT and Kennedy, Joan M to Cox, Brenda and Quintano, John, 3/15, \$625,000

BETHLEHEM

39 Dark Entry Rd, Torti, Joanne to Sirefman, Thanh, 3/17, \$885,000

BLOOMFIELD

4 Curran Cir Lot 4, Linda K Fishman T and Fishman, Douglas I to Gethin, Marcia L, 3/11, \$525,000
7 Downing Cir, Lowenstein, Gary S and Lowenstein, Frances T to Chaudhary, Kamran A and Chaudhary, Sadira K, 3/14, \$265,000
11 Old Flintlock Rd, Pugliese Jr, Lewis J to Pereira, Ricardo and Pereira, Marian, 3/15, \$187,671
11 Old Flintlock Rd, Pugliese, Margaret J to Pereira, Ricardo and Pereira, Marian, 3/15, \$47,329
11 Woodford Dr, Wheelock Deborah A Est and Sargalski, Jessica to Steiner, Brandon, 3/16, \$180,250
16 Lynn Cir, Little Jr, Anthony to Iannaco, Susan, 3/16, \$355,000
20 Grant Hill Rd, ZF SPV LLC to Kissell, Shawn, 3/14, \$232,000
62 Sutton Pl Lot 62, Collectible Commodity LLC to Benjamin, Devon, 3/18, \$135,000
104 Park Ave, Reid, Andrea N to Fitzwilliam, Crystal, 3/16, \$337,000

BOLTON

11 Tanglewood Ln, Barnard, Rita to Robertson, Mariah and Robertson Jr, Alan S, 3/18, \$279,500

BOZRAH

162 Gager Rd, Crump, Chad to Case, Greg and Romano, Catherine, 3/17, \$489,000
394 Bozrah St, Atwell Frederick L Est and Atwell, Michael F to Desnoyers, Roland C, 3/17, \$260,000

BRANFORD

9 Damascus Rd, Morro, Anna M to Samis, Brian, 3/16, \$405,000
10 Russell St Lot 10, Medina McCracken LT and Medina, Victor C to Sawhney, Chirjeev, 3/15, \$134,000
11 Greenfield Ave, Beedle, John and Beedle, Annette to Abdalla, Mahmoud and Abdelghani, Amal A, 3/14, \$370,000
11 School Ground Rd, Dunham Mobile Home Pk LLC to Crosby, Michelle, 3/17, \$70,500
16 Pine Orchard Rd Lot 38, Webster Brian Est and Tomasselli, Nanette to Evenwel, John and Evenwel, Patricia, 3/18, \$168,000
31 Lomartra Ln, Donmar Dev Corp to Abeldard, Jessica, 3/16, \$648,000
45 Yowago Ave, Oconnor, Sue M to Moyles, Philip and Moyles, Beth O, 3/15, \$700,000
53 Milo Dr, Kotler, Belinda and Shanley, Gregg P to Stolkier 2nd, Richard J and Fadel, Christine M, 3/14, \$407,000
67 Dover Ct Lot 6, Neri, Gwendolyn M to Friedbacher, Suzanne J, 3/17, \$153,000
79 Colebrook Ct Lot A, Davis 3rd, Abbott H and Davis, Georgia C to Ritchie, Ginniebeth, 3/15, \$120,000

BRIDGEPORT

Burroughs St, Bridgeport Jai Alai Assoc to 255 Kossuth LLC, 3/10, \$7,000,000
Dewey St, Carratini, Luis to Polanco, Jose, 3/16, \$195,000
Rowley St, Wheeler, Catherine to Black Rock Gdns Coop Inc, 3/14, \$63,000
Success Vlg, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Pierelli, Angela, 3/15, \$24,000
Success Vlg Lot 395, Nguyen, Dep to Huynh, Kelly, 3/17, \$61,000
11 Court A, Porebski, Henry and Porebski, Emilia to Malishevska, Nadia and Tsilo, Liudmyla, 3/14, \$66,000
31 Fairbanks St, Borres, Francisco R and Borres, Melissa to Martinez, Javier A, 3/14, \$235,000
35 Marcel St, Rios, Obed to Baez, Fernando C and Alvarez, Johnny B, 3/10, \$275,000
36 Court C, Almashi, Abdulaziz to Ali, Hadi, 3/14, \$36,700
45 Rogerson Cir, Joseph, Gladys to Rivera, Michele L and Rivera, Makayla M, 3/14, \$389,000
48-50 Poplar St, Jackson Jimmie D Est to Paulino, Alberto D and Garcia, Alba Y, 3/17, \$357,000
55 Lycett St, Dorio Nancy E Est and Dailey, John to Sound Property Dev LLC, 3/15, \$250,100
79 Sidney St, Padin, Alfredo to Parras, Herber A, 3/17, \$210,000
95-97 Wilson St, Noble Properties LLC to

Chamba, Claudio E, 3/11, \$385,000

116 Hastings St, Cogswell Bridgeport LLC to Gelman, Tom and Ilani, Yael, 3/16, \$120,000
122 Hastings St, Cogswell Bridgeport LLC to Gelman, Tom and Ilani, Yael, 3/16, \$138,000
141-143 Wordin Ave, Moyer, Mason to Ramirez, Guillermo, 3/15, \$275,000
167 Louisiana Ave, Dierna Investments LLC to Oliveira, Elias D, 3/10, \$146,000
168-170 Federal St, Martins, Margarida to Astudillo, Bryan and Loja, Diana, 3/16, \$395,000
183 Livingston Pl Lot 1, M&S Observe LLC to Garcia, Yvelisse, 3/14, \$125,000
185 Ash St, Demeter, Peter to Cabrera, Luis, 3/16, \$225,000
216-218 Deforest Ave, Rivera, Jose and Rivera, Margarita to Wong, Edgardo and Wong, Mary S, 3/14, \$275,000
231-233 Oxford St, Dimitrioglou, Dimitrios to White, Samikue and Mighty, Marquis, 3/14, \$345,000
236 Edgemoor Rd Lot A, Mueses, Eduardo and Mueses, Esedia to Garcia, Andrea, 3/10, \$171,000
237 Granfield Ave, Coastal Fairfield Cnty to Lugo, Ariel and Pimentel, Suleyka, 3/16, \$180,000
284 Lafayette St, Volcy, Jeffrey to Vettathuparambil, Finto A, 3/15, \$402,000
297 Dover St, Alam, Shamsul and Alam, Rejina to Dover Holdings Ct LLC, 3/15, \$142,500
312 Lake St, Tzanavaris, George to Estrada, Hilda, 3/14, \$110,000
347 Weber Ave, Kinlock, Benvennueta and Success Vlg Apartment Inc to Success Vlg Apartment Inc, 3/15, \$18,000
416-418 Ogden St, Acevedo, Benjamin and Acevedo, Oveliza to New Wave Holdings LLC, 3/10, \$135,000
430 Success Ave, Gurjar, George and Gurjar, Mark to Valentine, Fredesvinda, 3/14, \$70,000
430 Willow St, Sanchez, Yedwin O to Lora, Pedro A and Martinez, Pierina A, 3/16, \$275,500
456 Connecticut Ave, 456-458 Ct Ave LLC to 1697 Barnum Ave Invs LLC, 3/15, \$200,000
506 Burnsford Ave, Young, Hubert and Young, Matilda to Patterson, Dianne A, 3/16, \$240,000
511 Goldenrod Ave, Beers, Janice L and Kulas, Debra J to Vitorino, James and Vitorino, Kiki T, 3/15, \$280,000
536 Savoy St, Forte, Bruno to Fox, Letica, 3/10, \$468,000
783 Sylvan Ave Lot 7, Toro, Luisa and Toro, Robinzon to Ford, Kristen, 3/11, \$215,000
807-809 Brewster St, Kay 3rd, Gerard A to Singu, Amaranath, 3/15, \$363,000
887 Platt St, Scott, Betty J to Green Key Investments LLC, 3/14, \$125,000
1295 Howard Ave, Garcia, Felicity to Gateway Fincl Svc Corp, 3/10, \$170,000
1855 Chopsey Hill Rd, Worse, Jerry N to Bartlett, Andrew, 3/11, \$320,000
3010 Dover St, Alam, Shamsul and Alam, Rejina to Dover Holdings Ct LLC, 3/15, \$142,500
3160 Park Ave, Salem Evangelical Lut to NE Conference Corp, 3/17, \$1,800,000

BRISTOL

Barnum Rd Lot 43-8, Jay Dee Realty&Dev Corp to Willow Materials LLC, 3/16, \$40,000
Barnum Rd Lot 43-6, Jay Dee Realty&Dev Corp to Willow Materials LLC, 3/16, \$40,000
Moody St, Burke, Thomas and Burke, Marie to Mora, Eusebio R, 3/14, \$150,000
Waterbury Rd, Tacb LLC to John&Jay LLC, 3/14, \$50,000
N/A, Breton, Nicole T to Pannone, Joseph, 3/14, \$114,900
3 Hampton Ct, Ammerman, Cheryl M and Ammerman, Elaine M to Nightingale, Janice M, 3/15, \$225,000
5 Mill Pond Dr, Amco Development LLC to Delima-Alligston, Marcio, 3/14, \$409,900
9 Garden St, Tuccitto Jr, Frank M and Tuccitto, Marie to Bernard, Amie A, 3/16, \$230,000
16 Benjamin St, Langin, Ryan M to Shalom Homes LLC and Dalos&Stern LLC, 3/15, \$125,000
17 Grove St, Guglietta, Matthew P to Edelstein, Joseph, 3/18, \$290,000
20 Juniper Rd, Chamberlain, Stephen and Chamberlain, Shannon L to Lilienthal, Tonie, 3/15, \$280,000
40 Eaton Rd, USA HUD to Szyndlar, John S, 3/16, \$181,000
44 Burton St, Jacobs, Virginia J to Siboriboun, Kongthanou, 3/18, \$265,000
45 Woodybrook Rd, Defulio, Stephen A and Defilio, Carey R to Janus, Nicole A and Mazza, Alexus, 3/14, \$355,000
50 6th St, Wheeler, Barbara A to Gorneault, Jason, 3/14, \$113,356
50 Walnut St, Schmitt, Kenneth J and Schmitt, Rebecca R to Coke, Tameka A, 3/17, \$235,000
51 Puritan Rd, Burton Dorothy P Est and Trudon, Eric to Combs, Cameron and Combs, Hillary L, 3/14, \$325,000
59 Caesar Dr, Kuzniar, Grzegorz to Akrou, Malik and Ikheil, Kahina, 3/15, \$390,000
61 Medford St, Difrancesco, Marc to Polasek, Bryan and Polasek, Margaret, 3/18, \$298,000
63 Hiltbrand Rd Lot 4-5, Nightingale, Janice M to Plaza, Robert and Plaza, Julia, 3/15, \$112,000
70 Lincoln St, Gilbert Jr, Robert and Ilka, Davila to Rodriguez, Jonathan C, 3/15, \$236,000
79 Beths Ave Lot 103, Goodline, Nicholas R to Laferriere, Paul, 3/14, \$80,000
86 Colony St, Leggett, Jessica to Badera, Ashley and Breaux Jr, David K, 3/18, \$221,000
86 Lois St, Housesold RE LLC to Balan, Barry L and Balaban, Karen A, 3/15, \$201,900
87 Julia Rd, Perriello, Kenneth to Mahdi, Ammar and Erzaiz, Zinah, 3/15, \$290,000
106 Stearns St, Thurston, John G to Diamond Properties Ct LLC, 3/15, \$297,000
107 Judson Ave, USA HUD to Golaszewski, Sebastian, 3/14, \$165,000
116 Prospect St, Bissonette, Beverly and Ammerman, Jacqueline to NKS Remodeling LLC, 3/14, \$118,000
117 Castle Rd, Douthy, Matthew B and Douthy, Monique to T J Holly LLC, 3/14, \$160,000
125 West St Lot 6, Freedom Mortgage Corp to Gonzalez, Chelsea and Gregg, Bryant S, 3/16, \$38,300
130 Robertson St Lot 130, Brady, Brian and Brady, Tanya to Levesque, Ricki A and Levesque, Pierre M, 3/14, \$130,000
139 Strawberry Hill Rd, Colangelo, Joseph M and Colangelo, Pamela to Luzmoor, Sara M, 3/14, \$275,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 182, Elsinger, Lisa to Diaz-Rodriguez, Hector D, 3/14, \$164,900
165 Burton St, Robotham, Philip M to Starosciak, Janelle M, 3/15, \$240,000
165 Grider St, Rodin, Robert to Grand Manor Holdings LLC, 3/14, \$95,000
212 South St, Varney, Adam P to Hurwitz, Jacob, 3/17, \$190,000
371 Emmett St Lot 80, Diverse Solutions LLC to Robles, Laura V, 3/14, \$130,000
442 Park St, Rodin, Robert E to Grand Manor Holdings LLC, 3/14, \$230,000
771 Stafford Ave, USA HUD to Naples, Carol J and Naples, Richard F, 3/15, \$165,000

BROOKFIELD

9 Parker Hill Rd, Barkwood Property Group to Madura, Frederick and Madura, Sharon A, 3/18, \$220,000
12 Juniper Ln, Rose, Lisa M and Rose, George P to National Transfer Service, 3/17, \$235,000
12 Juniper Ln, National Transfer Service to Alhajahmad, Rami and Trzcinska, Malgorzata, 3/17, \$635,000
30 Sandy Ln, Parker, Jeffrey A and Parker, Nancy J to 30 Sandy Lane LLC, 3/15, \$250,000
124 Still Water Cir Lot 124, Lerman, Lois E to Short, Robert J and Short, Ruthann N, 3/14, \$424,500

BURLINGTON

21 Stanwich Ln, Hu, Wangyang to Cooper, Daniel and Figueroa, Marlene, 3/14, \$670,000
29 Covey Rd Lot 16, Meadowbrook Dev LLC to Peruta, Danielle M, 3/15, \$334,900
105 Davis Rd, Barnicki, Bogumila to Quint,

Joshua and Quint, Stacy, 3/15, \$409,000

CANTON

18 Maple Ave, Clark, Keith to Wilusz, Thomas R and Wilusz, Susan J, 3/16, \$360,000
111 Atwater Rd, Kurako, Kateryna to Klapprodt, Wayne and Klapprodt, Sandra, 3/16, \$749,000

CHESHIRE

Southwick Cheshire Condo Lot 17, Dogg Susan H Est and Hayden, Derek R to Rinaldi, Sandra L, 3/14, \$265,000
W Farms Ter, Napolitano West Farms Ter to Rehman, Tayyaba M and Aziz, Saad, 3/15, \$789,000
3 Roslyn Dr, Horvath, Mark M to Rothbart, Eric and Rothbart, Sara, 3/17, \$425,000
11 Bradford Dr, Arute, Deanna D and Arute, Jamie to 7 Van Dyke LLC, 3/17, \$240,000
16 Balsam Pl, Clearview Mckinley Ests to McCulloch, Aaron J and Delorenzo, Leah M, 3/14, \$725,175
35 Flagler Ave, Masciana, Nicole A to Doran, Ida, 3/14, \$320,824
80 W Ridge Ct, Swensen, Steven and Swensen, Nicole to Karlsson, Thomas and Horvat, Kristine, 3/17, \$500,000
190 Payne Dr, McLaughlin, Samantha and McLaughlin, Lewis to Lourie, Alexei, 3/14, \$440,000

CLINTON

4 Nod Rd, Nadeau, Allan R and Nadeau, Mavi H to 4 Nod Nadeau FT and Skipper, Susan, 3/17, \$290,471
6 Fish Plain Rd, Madariaga, Erika to Colon, Melyvn, 3/17, \$316,000
10-12 Joshua Ln, Hoadley, Christie L and Gonzalez, Juan A to Gasparini 2nd, Clifford R and Gasparini, Shellane T, 3/17, \$337,000
24 Fairy Dell Rd, Goodrich, David to Paine, Cedric and Paine, Joy A, 3/17, \$380,000
63 Old Post Rd, Flagg, Donald K to Robertson, Paul, 3/18, \$390,000
280 E Main St Lot C7, Ambrosino, Erin M to Teague, Justin R and Dickson, Carolyn M, 3/14, \$160,000
1020 Right Of Way, Neacsu, Elena D to Barbour, Russell C and Jelley, William, 3/18, \$300,000

COLCHESTER

75 Ashley Ln, Belanger, Patrick A and Belanger, Carla M to Spina, Dominick and Spina, Samantha, 3/17, \$445,000
617 Westchester Rd, Doodys Jr, Michael J to Mandel, Jennifer, 3/16, \$335,500

COLEBROOK

Bunnell St, Frierson, John D and Wilson, Alice A to Wilson Jr, William J and Ferrell, Elizabeth, 3/18, \$40,000

COLUMBIA

115 Pine St, Mishra, Nitesh to Tromza, William J and Tromza, Brenda, 3/14, \$500,000

CORNWALL

Cream Hill Rd, Stevens Jr, Lawrence M to Arkinson, Paul and Arkinson, Christine, 3/14, \$350,000

COVENTRY

13 Windy Hill Rd, Connor, Jasper and Clark-Connor, Jennifer L to Pinter, Jonathan N and Pinter, Katie E, 3/15, \$105,000
461 High St, Tracy Jr, Howard C to Conner, David and Conner, Irene, 3/16, \$285,000
1112 Flanders Rd, USA HUD to Jameson, Peter V, 3/14, \$169,500

DANBURY

5 White Oak Ests, Talreja, Sachin and Talreja, Jessica to Talreja, Ram and Talreja, Rekha, 3/14, \$400,000
8 Rose Ln Lot 24-19, Telo, Aмос D to Maccarrone, Donna and Maccarrone, Carly, 3/14, \$320,000
9 Stuart Dr, Cerdia, Christian to Mason, Genevieve I, 3/14, \$452,000
12 Coach Rd, Londwall Richard A Est and Depalma, Sharon to Skidmore, Lindsay E and Skidmore, Gretchen S, 3/14, \$438,000
15 Scuppo Rd Lot 1205, Nembhard, Ronald and Nembhard, Sherill to M Venturini, Rafaela B and Venturini, Marcelo C, 3/14, \$400,000
21 High St, Wright, Garnet L and Wright, Andrea to Quichimoto, Angel L and Ramirez, Clara E, 3/15, \$500,000
60 E Lake Rd, Stanley Jr, William J and Stanley, Colleen A to Putnam, Joseph G, 3/15, \$650,000
84-40 Acre Mountain Rd, Coakley, Shirley A to Baskind, Holly and Baskind, Scott, 3/15, \$359,000
159 Westville Ave Ext, Eno, Bradley C and Ribeiro, Kimberly to Garcia, Evelis and Rojas, Jose, 3/14, \$337,000
1012 Country View Rd Lot 1012, Yolanda Guglielmo IRT and Guglielmo, Angela to Cotsis, Phyllis, 3/14, \$450,000

DARIEN

Middlesex Rd, Oak Middlesex LLC to Blackman, Ian N and Blackman, Courtney, 3/16, \$3,450,000
Robinson St, Kilcourse, Corey J and Kilcourse, Megan B to Brewster, William and Flynne, Ashley, 3/16, \$1,426,000
7 Parsons Walk, Parsons Walk LLC to Slovins, Derek and Slovins, Katherine, 3/14, \$21,100,000
12 Dellwood Rd, C L Giansanti 194 RET and Giansanti, Carla L to Paul, Donald A and Paul, Mary A, 3/16, \$292,500
20 Archer Ln, Gallucci Phyllis Est and Kasiewicz, Joan to Philomena Group LLC, 3/14, \$825,000
40 Kensett Ln Lot 40, Bradbury, Susan C to Peter Stahl RET and Stahl, Peter, 3/15, \$1,600,000

DERBY

10-12 Cottage St, Ashe, Shirley R to Altamirano, Vincent D and Parks, Crystal B, 3/15, \$360,000
28 Silver Hill Rd, Poliowoda, Miroslaw and Poliowoda, Ewma to Nieves, Dulce and Nieves, Luz, 3/14, \$410,526
186 Sentinel Hill Rd, Lynch, Aidan J to Forward Management LLC, 3/15, \$275,000
211-213 Minerva St, Eleanor M Dupless T and Dupless, Eleanor M to Pepe Jr, Francis A, 3/14, \$400,000

EAST GRANBY

7 Trevor Ln, Bowers, William R and Bowers, Wendy S to Brogan, Quinton, 3/14, \$495,000
15 Seneca Dr, Forney, Amy to Shortell, Erik L, 3/15, \$390,000
41 North Rd, USDA to Zhovkyli, Irina, 3/14, \$210,000
882 S Grand St, Bancroft, Richard and Bancroft, Barbara to Rollins, Russell, 3/14, \$150,000

EAST HADDAM

85 Ridgewood Rd, Bailey, Evelyn A to Cattafi, Lynne, 3/14, \$193,000
66 Ray Hill Rd, Libera, Jason M and Libera, Jodi E to Kelly, Sean R, 3/14, \$768,000
78 Wildwood Rd, Smith, Donald L and Smith, Deborah to Heinrich, Mark, 3/17, \$339,900
593 Town St, Kitchin, Dennis to Gibb, Tracy, 3/15, \$250,000

EAST HAMPTON

9 Crescent St, Labella, Philip J and Labella, Barbara Z to Arritage, Jamie, 3/14, \$217,400
27 Whispering Woods Rd, New Horizon Land Co Of NH to JWM Home Improvement LLC, 3/14, \$100,000
53 Collie Brook Rd, Osterholtz F D Est and Osterholtz, Frederick C to Cortez, Lauren R and Cortez, Joshua, 3/15, \$455,750
85 N Main St Lot 56, Eurbins, Donna to Davis, Daniel M and Davis, Sharon, 3/15, \$175,000
166 Comstock Trl, FHLM to Mehta, Om P, 3/15, \$286,804

EAST HARTFORD

6-12 Indian Hill St, Panliu Property LLC to Luo, Weizhong and Tan, Liping, 3/14, \$245,000
36 Ellsworth St, Dejesus, Isaac to Bolivar, Brianne A, 3/14, \$265,000
71-73 Graham Rd, Jain, Brahmadev and Jain, Priya S to Anna Aviral Prop LLC, 3/14,

\$235,000
95 Lafayette Ave, Franco, Marcia M to Banthon, Alexandre and Banthon, Tatianna, 3/15, \$185,000
98 Manor Cir, Janis Rotberg's RET and Rotberg's, Jason W to Maldonado, Charna, 3/14, \$150,000
171 Oconnell Dr, Bobko, Jason to Brown, Ann, 3/15, \$202,900
893 Main St, Merchant East Hartford to 20 Equities LLC, 3/15, \$3,900,000
1110 Burnside Ave, Gibbs Oil Co LP to Renew Developers LLC, 3/15, \$90,000

EAST HAVEN

9 Newbury Ct Lot 47, Ral North Haven LLC to Abolfadi, Mohamed, 3/14, \$423,200
24 Bleeker Cir, Timberwood Const LLC to Marinaccio, Phillip and Marinaccio, Renee, 3/17, \$523,730
28 Navaro Rd, Rodriguez, Johanna to Falcone, Lindsay A, 3/15, \$283,000
55 Hellstrom Rd, Duval, Michele to Emond, Kevin M and Mette, Amanda R, 3/16, \$200,000
55 Thompson St Lot 6E, Eisensmith, Jennie to Kennedy, Timothy J, 3/15, \$175,000
75 Redwood Dr Lot 801, Argyros, Cathryn to Sanchez, Yuderka A, 3/18, \$165,000
101 Charter Oak Ave, Hinman, Robert to Olsewski, Corey, 3/14, \$243,000
121 N Atwater St, Colavolpe Jr, Nicholas J and Colavolpe, Gina R to Heise, Michael B and Heise, Melissa A, 3/17, \$335,000
183 Thompson St Lot E, Nalado, Mukhtar to Burgess, Dominique, 3/18, \$150,000
215 Cossey Beach Ave, Cossey Beach Ave Prop LLC to John, Bino and Fishilevich, Elane, 3/14, \$595,000
225 Cossey Beach Ave, Cossey Beach Ave Prop LLC to Plourde, Todd R, 3/18, \$580,000
300 Thompson St, Baggott, Michael P and Kavanagh, Ashley to Huelsman, Joshua, 3/15, \$335,000
1057 N High St, Kershaw William H Jr Est and Odum, Michelle L to East Haven High LLC, 3/14, \$175,000

EAST LYME

Black Point Rd, Nebelung, Michael J and Nebelung, Michael A to Beaudoin, Gina and Beaudoin, Joseph, 3/14, \$142,000
22 Upper Kensington Dr, Pazz&Construction LLC to Choi, Won Y and Schiemer 2nd, James, 3/15, \$629,207
26 Compass Ct Lot 26, Matt Wanda Est and Matt, Peter D to Lech, David and Gallagher, Tara, 3/16, \$400,000
33 Village Xing, Vlg Csgn Of Niantic LLC to Murphy, Kelsey E, 3/14, \$320,100
41 Indianola Rd, Mulready, Ann M to Puglisi, Stephen S and Puglisi, Lauren N, 3/18, \$670,000
137 Flanders Rd, Scanlon, Peter R to Hamilton, Daniel, 3/14, \$217,000
208 W Main St, Strickland, Joan B to Reither, Alison and Tinkle, Blair, 3/16, \$194,208

EASTON

4 Herrmann Ln, Tudora, Claudio F to Singh, Jay and Singh, Kamini, 3/18, \$875,000
157 S Park Ave, Rossi, Brent R and Rossi, Jill M to Tishchenko, Wacheslav and Antonova, Olga, 3/16, \$1,060,000

ELLINGTON

16 Sprucewood Dr, Bernabe, Jeffrey W and Bernabe, Amy C to Johnson, Stephen T and Acevedo 2nd, Manuel, 3/16, \$320,000
39 E Porter Rd, Wright Jr, John E and Wright, Gloria P to Greenwood, Daniel J and Greenwood, Kristina K, 3/14, \$150,000
43 E Porter Rd, Wright Jr, John E and Wright, Gloria P to Greenwood, Daniel J and Greenwood, Kristina K, 3/14, \$175,000
49 Ellington Ave, Krause Doris M Est and Reed, Heather E to Miller, Brian P, 3/14, \$245,000

ENFIELD

Glen Oak Dr, Latulippe, Arthur J and Latulippe 2nd, Arthur J to Latulippe 2nd, Arthur J, 3/14, \$150,000
11 Parker St, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA and Landolina, Carl T to Landolina, Carl T and Weir, Jermame, 3/14, \$140,101
24 Ridge Rd, Frobel, Michael and Frobel, John to Fareed, Tasleema and Sattaur, Deokaran, 3/14, \$228,000
146 Pearl St, Catizone, Carolyn V and 2 Sons Realty LLC to 2 Sons Realty LLC, 3/15, \$265,000
304 Brainard Rd Lot 39, Moschetti, Sandra R to Butcher, Gail M, 3/14, \$199,000

ESSEX

16 Hillside Dr, Colby, Sarah H to Riggio, Alexandra C, 3/16, \$325,500

FAIRFIELD

6 Boroskey Dr, 6 Boroskey Drive LLC to Golebowski, Tomasz and Golebowski, Shawna, 3/

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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MIDDLETOWN

15 Butternut Knoll LLC to Gilbert, Joanne, 3/16, \$160,000
22 Green St, AM Square LLC to 22 Green St Holdings LLC, 3/14, \$670,000
31 Burgundy Hill Ln Lot 31, Branciforte, Laurie C and Branciforte, Michael to Natarajan, Sindu, 3/15, \$90,100
31 Meech Rd, Salafia Enterprise LLC to Szymanski, Carly D, 3/15, \$270,000
32 Trolley Crossing Ln Lot 32, Ohare, Thomas E to McLaughlin, Nola, 3/15, \$190,000
38 Laureate Dr, Silva, Michael J to Harrison, Andrew V and Harrison, Cynthia J, 3/15, \$615,000
40 Evergreen Ave, Johnson, Judith E and Robinson, Kelly M to Vanaden, Rebekah J, 3/14, \$128,938
40 Evergreen Ave, J Thomas Johnson RET and Wilmot, Donald P to Vanaden, Rebekah J, 3/14, \$77,362
40 Green St, AM Square LLC to 22 Green St Holdings LLC, 3/14, \$435,000
41 Lisa Ln, Sarpu Clara L Est and Sarpu, Kenneth to Cherry Tree LLC, 3/15, \$170,000
44 Green St, AM Square LLC to 22 Green St Holdings LLC, 3/14, \$420,000
52 Batt St, Lagana, Karisa to Gaudio, Karen D, 3/16, \$235,000
74 Rising Trail Dr Lot 74, Rumovicz, Stephen and Rumovicz, Kelley H to Bullock, Kathryn, 3/14, \$188,000
89 Broad St, Sheridan, Austin and Sheridan, Phyllis C to McLaughlin, Shawn and McLaughlin, Siobhan, 3/14, \$577,000
114 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 114, Golria R Thomas IRT and Fritsch, Steven P to Czajak Jr, Thomas E and Czajak, Wendy A, 3/16, \$140,000
122 Baldwin Dr, Duncan, Valerie to Suntomo LLC, 3/17, \$210,000
142 Trolley Crossing Ln Lot 142, Pecevich, Mitchell to Mannetti 4th, Anthony, 3/17, \$140,000
149 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 149, Kieslich, Taylor M to Noga, Piotr and Noga, Natalia, 3/14, \$165,065
156 Webster Ln Lot 2-4, Ameritage Const Corp to Rubin, Julius and Rubin, Loretta, 3/17, \$507,210
169 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 169, Senick, Peter and Senick, Jennifer to Hughey, Anyia, 3/17, \$145,000
192 Burgundy Hill Ln Lot 192, Oliver, Jennifer to New Direction T Co and Johnson, Jeffrey L, 3/14, \$99,000
688 Middle St, Otto, Donald P to Descheneaux 3rd, Ernest L and Descheneaux, Amie J, 3/16, \$360,000

MILFORD

5 Willem Ct Lot 5, Andrew Piekarski T and Piekarski, Andrew to Bruschetta, Giuseppe and Aschettino, Maria, 3/14, \$210,000
16 Brookdale Ave, Hahner, Evelyn J and Morano, Deborah E to Dream Property Mgmt LLC, 3/11, \$320,000
20 Warren St, Lighthouse Pt Prop Mgmt to Schwaeber, Wayne D, 3/14, \$703,900
21 Beacher Rd, Ross, Benjamin to Johnson, Michael and Tarzia, Dayna R, 3/15, \$113,000
23 S Kerema Ave, Degroff, Douglas C and Chevalier, Mary-Lue to Ferro, Alexander R and Corigliano, Nicolette T, 3/17, \$259,000
24 Arlmont St, Libby, Leonard C to Gooden, Renee and Gooden, Dwight, 3/16, \$460,000
26 Magellan Dr, Will, Nicholas E and Will, Maya to Delmore, Will J and Delmore, Grace, 3/15, \$460,000
28 Brookdale Ave, Diaz, Rewar to Sheridan, Daniel and Brady, Aisling, 3/15, \$490,000
29 Loomis St, Gopoiann, Alexander J to Middlemass 2nd, Matthew, 3/17, \$231,000
35 Seaside Ave, Odell, Christopher S to Arora, Rohit, 3/15, \$406,000
38 Golden Hill St, Trade Wind LLC to 67 Grand Village LLC, 3/15, \$211,000
41 Bridgeport Ave, Marklinsky Clara E Est and Towne, Jack to 49 Bridgeport Avenue LLC, 3/17, \$205,000
47 Kent St, Bamf Homes Ltd to Saeed, Mohammed and Ramadan, Buhar, 3/14, \$245,000
57 Carriage Dr Lot 57, Gabriel, Jean to Diccico, Nichole, 3/17, \$179,000
57 Greer Cir, Cansoy, Mehmet S and Meek, Melissa L to Turner, Rebecca, 3/17, \$432,000
85 Greer Cir, Centauri Investments LLC to Coleman, Tiffany E and Marzullo, Giovanni M, 3/15, \$465,500
113 Sunnyside Ct, Ticknor, Charles and Ticknor, Laurie to Wadolowski, Jerry, 3/15, \$365,000
122 Kings Hwy, Milford City Of to Smykowski, Andrezej, 3/11, \$200,000
142 4th Ave, Pantan Alaine Est and Nixon, Melissa M to Anand, Sachin, 3/17, \$290,000
195 Woodruff Rd, Andrews-Birdsall, Cynthia to Zimmert, Sean J, 3/15, \$322,000
300 Meadowside Rd Lot 205, Mrvic, Nebojsa and Mrvic, Vesna to Mills, Ricky F, 3/14, \$190,000
351 Foxwood Ln Lot 351, Sullivan Florence S Est and Sopchak 3rd, Michael to Cicchetti, Arthur J, 3/11, \$232,000

MONROE

44 Secret Hollow Rd Lot 44, Collins Jr, Joseph P to Foley, Paul J and Foley, Margaret, 3/16, \$495,500
114 Turkey Roost Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Pimentra, Adelfo F, 3/17, \$276,000

MONTVILLE

1691 Route 32 Lot C3, Julian, Edward and Julian, Qian to Santateresa, Ardel M, 3/17, \$185,900
1691 Route 32 Lot B1, Winkelman, Travis T and Winkelman, Marielle S to Gaffney, Joy M, 3/17, \$185,000

NAUGATUCK

1 Fairview Ave, Downs, Curtis A and Downs, Kay M to Hallwood, Bridgett, 3/14, \$185,000
16 Goldfnch Ln, GMC Investments LLC to Perez, Christopher A, 3/15, \$315,000
19 Vagnini Dr, Dadamo, Anthony C and Dadamo, Marianna V to Dunleavy, Staci, 3/14, \$186,000
21 Cold Spring Cir, 21-25 Cold Spr Circle LLC to Sequeira, Lissette, 3/17, \$257,000
26 Bluebird Dr, Lamonnaca, John to Morales, Miguel A, 3/14, \$292,000
34 Ridgeland Dr, 34 Ridgeland LLC to Webber, Jermaine C and Webber, Jenice N, 3/16, \$390,000
48 Hillview St, Khan, Arsalan to Haghanpanh, Hamid, 3/18, \$235,500
54 High St, Bruzik Enterprises LLC to Mcrae, Tamara, 3/17, \$189,000
56 Evening Star Dr, Oval Enterprise LLC to Paproski, Samuel A, 3/14, \$287,000
76 Lantern Park Dr Lot 4, Okten, Erol to Sheehan, Ryan S, 3/15, \$140,000
774 Andrew Mountain Rd, Mcnamara, Susan P and Mcnamara, Claire L to Bonczek Sr, Stephen S, 3/14, \$401,000

NEW BRITAIN

45 Atlantic St Lot E, Toporski Marzena Est and Toporski, Marzena to Amigo, Luis, 3/15, \$169,900
54 Underhill Ln, Scott, Devin and Melanie, Scott to Feliz, Luz N and Gonzalez Jr, Eduardo, 3/14, \$222,000
55 Kent Rd, Audette, David to Caldwell, Patricia A, 3/11, \$290,000
62 4th St, Stennal, Barbara to Papadopoulos, Shantea, 3/11, \$280,000
66 Hawthorne St, Dabrowski, Bruce R and Kosak, Christine to Ramirez, Clara A, 3/10, \$170,000
98 John St, Shukunthy, Kathleen A and Murphy, Brian E to Shapuntala&Satya Vent, 3/16, \$214,500
99 Black Rock Ave, Driven Properties LLC to Rodriguez, Daniel, 3/15, \$95,175
121 Sexton St, Medina, Norbert to Vera, Patricio, 3/16, \$115,000
132 Tremont St, Gagne, Henry D and Gagne, Karl S to Dynamic Tax Consultants, 3/16, \$135,000
154 Lewis Rd, Ziolkowski, Margaret to Hackett, William and Hackett, Carol G, 3/14, \$284,000

172 Columbia St, Puglise, Vanessa N to Maisonet, Carmen E, 3/15, \$350,000
226 Grove St, Morell, John A and Morell, Christine P to 226 Grove LLC and 609 Talcottville Road LLC, 3/14, \$415,000
245 Pershing Ave, Vananden, Rebekah J to Volanikn, Nazar, 3/10, \$122,400
542 Arch St, 542 Arch St LLC and Alapati, Pavan K to Jaworski, Robert, 3/11, \$282,500

NEW CANAAN

27 Old Stamford Rd Lot 27, Sweitzer, Brandon and Sweitzer, Lisette to Thompson, Frances, 3/17, \$1,975,000
27 Orchard Dr, Whitworth, Anthony and Whitworth, Jennifer to Lockyer, Stuart and Quimbayo, Ciomara, 3/11, \$985,000
59 Elm Pl, Kelley, Bridget and Kelley, Sean to Shaw, Douglas and Shaw, Allison, 3/16, \$1,875,000
113 Locust Ave, Li, Xinjie to Jensen, Henry and Jensen, Kelsey, 3/9, \$753,000
152 Hickok Rd, Ni, Jian and Lu, Haiyi to Costantini, Vanessa and Costantini, Michael, 3/16, \$1,299,000
180 Park St Lot 403, M2 Partners LLC to Bishopg, Malcolm and Rhoades, Geri, 3/10, \$1,695,000
401 Jelliff Mill Rd, Smith, Eric to Ditroia, Jennifer and Ditroia, Jonathan, 3/7, \$875,000
428 Laurel Rd, Troy, Richard to Klem, Lois, 3/9, \$1,800,000
762 Weed St, Patricia Hartner RET and Hartner, Patricia to Kelley, Sean and Kelley, Bridgett, 3/4, \$3,900,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

2 Woodridge Ln, Bansal, Gaurav and Mittal, Rinu to Sims, Sarah S, 3/15, \$661,973
7 Fair Ln, Lynch, Joseph to McGannon, Matthew, 3/14, \$105,000
9 Purdum Rd, Filho, Jose M and Barreto, Carine G to Cunha, Clayton, 3/15, \$137,644
13 Barnum Rd, Bielizna Judith R Est and Bielizna, Raymond to Felix, Jeffrey and Oriach, Gesette, 3/17, \$375,000
29 Misty Brook Ln, Lissak, Miriam to John Dibacco Jr T and Dibacco Jr, John, 3/14, \$750,000

NEW HARTFORD

65 Arrowhead Dr, Martin, Laura G to Parris, Jeremiah A and Doolittle, Jessica, 3/14, \$399,900
168 Lake Shore Dr, Quint, Joshua and Quint, Stacy to Miller, Michael K, 3/15, \$318,000
529 Main St, Misiorski Clara G Est and Misiorski, Marcia to Sartirana 3rd, Armand F and Sartirana, Becky, 3/7, \$245,000

NEW HAVEN

16 Malby St, Foley, William L to Clinton Avenue Inv LLC, 3/15, \$140,000
26 Charter Oak Ave, Colarc Holdings LLC to Gonzalez, Noe, 3/17, \$255,000
64 Ellsworth Ave, Ward, Rondad to BH 64 Ellsworth Owners, 3/17, \$325,000
95 Audubon St Lot 44, Schwartz, Reva B to Hulin, Patrick A and Pavlovich, Margaret B, 3/14, \$403,000
105 Bristol St, Anderson, Samuela to Massaro, Bruno G, 3/14, \$265,000
116 Crown St Lot 48, Obrien Jr, Johnp and Obrien, Georgia G to Aldana, Nicolas, 3/14, \$367,000
124 Lambertson St, FHLM to Edelkopf, Nechamah D, 3/16, \$135,508
135 Olive St Lot 1R, LBK Group LLC to Bryan, Dorma, 3/17, \$118,000
149 Fountain St Lot 7, Battat, Obed to SLA Realty LLC, 3/14, \$140,000
174 Butler St, Hope, William and Hope, Ida to 174 Butler LLC, 3/18, \$225,000
204 Clinton Ave, Lara, Alfonso to Netz C1 LLC, 3/15, \$330,000
240 Summit St, Dolan, Joseph A and Bernhard, G Kenneth to Gallaspy, Allison and Domagunc, Michael, 3/15, \$280,000
355 Bellevue Rd, Canteen, Sylvia to Soffer, Menachem M, 3/16, \$375,000
395 Howard Ave, Suarez, Iris N to Netz C1 LLC, 3/15, \$300,000
515 Woodward Ave Lot B, Federation, Carla to Williams, Shiereen M, 3/15, \$155,000
516 Dixwell Ave, Thomas, Philip to Ep Home Buyers LLC, 3/16, \$445,000
516 Dixwell Ave, Ep Home Buyers LLC to Nei Properties LLC, 3/16, \$445,000
518 Dixwell Ave, Thomas, Philip to Ep Home Buyers LLC, 3/16, \$445,000
750 Quinipiac Ave Lot 6, Nelson, Robert S and Olfin, Margaret R to Solomon, Etana, 3/18, \$235,000

NEW MILFORD

Taylor Rd, Middleton, Eleanor to Mcmahon, Martin W, 3/17, \$66,000
8 Canterbury Arms Lot 8, Canter Rentals LLC to Sapatanga, Leonardo E and Sapatanga, Maria E, 3/16, \$445,000
64 Railroad St, TCH Family Ptnrshp LLC to Red Brick Properties LLC, 3/14, \$875,000
76 Merryall Rd, Smyrski 3rd, Michael J and Smyrski, Carol A to Vetere 2nd, Lawrence, 3/16, \$530,800
79 Carlson Ridge Rd Lot 79, Lee Beverly C Est and Chandler, Jennifer R to Hull, James L and Hull, Rita M, 3/17, \$350,000
101 Valley Dr Lot 101, Rossland, Kathleen to Mullick, Vishal, 3/16, \$149,900
108 Perry Dr, Valdes, Debora to Lopes, Valdeinei J, 3/14, \$415,000
151 Stillson Hill Rd, Siracco Sunrise Farms LLC to Bellucci, John and Bellucci, Kathy, 3/16, \$117,500
156 Taylor Rd, Doty, Frederick G to Rushmore Constr LLC, 3/17, \$59,000

NEWINGTON

10 Woodseidge Dr Lot 5A, Pentalong, Daniel J and Pentalong, Jacqueline M to Staron, Jack, 3/14, \$122,500
11 Robin Brook Dr Lot 11, Yang, Qinghe to Xuan, Hua, 3/11, \$205,000
105 Webster Ct Lot 105, Kozon, Lisa to Gomez, Noelia, 3/14, \$129,500

NEWTOWN

3 Appleblossom Ln, Amaral, Carol to 3 Appleblossom LLC, 3/16, \$350,000
4 Westwood Tr, Ammini Ramachandran IRT and Ramachandran, Geetha to Levanti, Joseph and Levanti, Melanie, 3/16, \$600,000
5 Lake Dr, Sniadecki, George to Proulx, Christopher, 3/17, \$260,000
8 Deer Hill Dr, Kasl LLC and Trudell 2nd, George L to Mcleod, Clinton and Mcleod, Ashley, 3/15, \$953,302
9 Ironwood Dr, Kelly Smith RET and Smith, Kelly to Bosco, Andrew A and Bosco, Erin L, 3/17, \$747,000
17 Cider Mill Rd, Guinee, Michael and Guinee, Kathleen F to Skylars Rdg RET, 3/17, \$835,000
23 Shepard Hill Rd, Scott, Arthur L to Joyce 2014 FT and Krav, Kirsten, 3/16, \$475,000
38 Marlin Rd, Terezio, Michael E and Terezio, Katherine P to Davachi, Lili and Ochsen, Kevin, 3/14, \$795,000
41 Great Ring Rd, Heller, Sharon A and Haller 2nd, Hal M to Mccall, Michael R and Mccall, Leeann L, 3/16, \$675,000
42 Enclave Cir Lot 42, Toll Northeast V Corp to Acevedo, Elfi and Franco Jr, Manuel F, 3/16, \$666,206
43 Tunnel Rd, Sedor, Flavio LLC to Villa, Celina M and Villa, Flavio, 3/17, \$135,000
77 Bennetts Bridge Rd, Burton, Michael to Serock, Jocelyn, 3/17, \$240,000

NORTH BRANFORD

229 Branford Rd Lot 238, Villani, Michael to Porter, Matthew R, 3/17, \$110,000
229 Branford Rd Lot 238, Finocchio, Ronald and Finocchio, Cynthia to Mauro, Armand and Mauro, Anne, 3/15, \$244,000

NORTH CANAAN

N/A, Cattellean, Victoria A to Cattellean, Michael J, 3/15, \$50,000

NORTH HAVEN

Pierpont HJ Lot 116, Timberwood Const LLC to Marinaccio, Phillip and Marinaccio, Renee, 3/17, \$523,730
9 Newbury Ct Lot 9, Ral North Haven LLC to Abolfadli, Mohamed, 3/14, \$423,200
10 Carolyn Ct, Hosni&Rose Milkhale LLC and Mikhael, Hosni M to Martinson, William M, 3/16, \$645,000
38 Fitch St, Morra, Jane M and Baiocchi,

Donna M to Maras, Ismail and Maras, Huriye, 3/15, \$270,000
63 Maple Ave, Roche, Mary E and Isch, Susan to Soderholm, Carly M and Soderholm, Jeremy D, 3/16, \$576,000
94 Collett St, Anderson, Mary A to Capuano 3rd, Frank, 3/18, \$257,700
130 Montowese Ave, McCarthy Jr, William F to Nerreau, Justin, 3/16, \$240,000
130 State St Lot C34, Pelzer, Carol and Carotenuto, Marc to Esposito, Gary S, 3/17, \$259,900
327 Bassett Rd, Michniewski, Dorothy G and Depaola, Joseph E to 327 Bassett LLC, 3/18, \$260,000
511 Elm St Lot 10-1, Panuzio, Louis W to Criscio, John P, 3/15, \$297,000

NORTH STONINGTON

Pendleton Hill Rd, Murtha, Margaret M to Meneses, John K, 3/18, \$215,000
3 Patricia Ave, Taylor, Brian W to Theroux, Pamela E, 3/18, \$250,000
12 Indian Trl, Waltz Dorothy L Est and Westlake LLC to Westlake LLC, 3/16, \$91,250
62-H Patricia Ave, Taylor, Brian W to Theroux, Pamela E, 3/18, \$250,000
62-HH Patricia Ave, Taylor, Brian W to Theroux, Pamela E, 3/18, \$250,000
75 Island Rd, Waltz Dorothy L Est and FNMA to Polk, John, 3/16, \$66,250

NORWALK

Charles Cove Condominium Lot 45, Mahoney, J Kevin to Waack, Stuart C and Waack, Mary E, 3/11, \$395,000
Frost St, Pia Capital LLC to Argueta, Salvador R and Argueta, Norma, 3/14, \$55,000
Landings Condominium Lot PH1, Larocci, Catherine T to Quatela, Linda and Quatela, Vito, 3/4, \$799,000
Neptune Ave, Vasko, Timothy B and Hale, Tiffany M to Bruggier, Helen T, 3/4, \$520,000
Norwalk Harborview Condos Lot C3, Renken, Thomas N and Renken, Gail S to Overland, Keith S and Overland, Lori L, 3/2, \$530,000
Rowayton Yacht Clb, Voss, Neil D to Olsen, Rosanne and Olsen, John, 3/14, \$25,000
Stone Gate, Quinlan, Karin A to Birmingham, Darren and Checa, Nelly, 3/8, \$408,200
1 Range Rd, Sullivan Prop Hldg LLC to Vannunching, Elizabeth, 3/9, \$750,000
3 Observatory Pl Lot A, Blue, Richard and Blue, Sharon to Paredes Jr, Eugenio and Gonzalez, Keila, 3/15, \$360,000
9 Anson Rd, Ross, Timothy to Rupp, Thomas A and Rupp, Kathleen M, 3/3, \$556,000
14 Westport Ave, Philipos Properties LLC and Papadopoulos, Panagiotis to 14 Wan LLC, 3/9, \$3,500,000
15 Pine Point Rd, Edwards, Mark and Edwards, Eleanor to Fisher, Peter S and Cyburt, Ashley A, 3/1, \$115,000
22 Ryan Ave, Johnson, Jerline to Rodriguez, Maria F and Regalado, Zayed R, 3/15, \$450,000
22-B Betmarlea Rd, Segalas, Anthony to Khouri, Mousa and Khouri, Katherine T, 3/4, \$1,255,000
25 Grand St Lot 116, Dearborn, William to Alejos-Esparza, Jose A and Rivera, Elizabeth A, 3/7, \$285,000
26 Soundview Ave, Kaiser, Christopher K to Shaw, Candysy, 3/4, \$390,000
33 Bettswood Rd, Holden, Kent and Audett, Kaisley to Cimino, Madeline and Mccann, Michael, 3/15, \$960,000
33 N Water St Lot 802, 145 Puritan Road LLC to Damelio, Marc A and Damelio, Heidi O, 3/14, \$1,200,000
46 Prospect Ave Lot 2F, Chitale, Abhishek to Karim, Victor and Karim, Diane, 3/1, \$210,000
50 Aiken St Lot 243, Maloney Thomas J Est and Maloney, Patricia A to Godzich, Brigitte T, 3/14, \$285,000
65 Comstock Hill Ave, Cheever 3rd, Charles E and Cheever, Regina to Gaffney Jr, Terence F and Gaffney, Carolyn K, 3/2, \$845,000
66 Gillies Ln Lot 66, Brown, Timothy and Condro, Elizabeth to Moody, Ariel, 3/11, \$375,000
98 Ferris Ave, Barbara M Rosett RET and Rosett, Wendy S to Johnston, Joanna L, 3/4, \$589,000
118 Washington St Lot 305, Murphy, Ian P to Margenot, Richard J and Margenot, Joan E, 3/4, \$160,000
129 Sunrise Hill Rd Lot 129, Patchadjo Richard C Est and Ksionczyk, Paula to Novikava, Tatsiana and Novikau, Vladimir, 3/9, \$303,000
129 Wolfpit Ave, Grimaldi Sr, Gennaro J and Grimaldi, Roseanne to Taylor, Lindsey R, 3/14, \$427,180
183 Rowayton Woods Dr Lot 183, Gilfillan, Robert F and Gilfillan, Eileen B to Graf, Sandra B, 3/15, \$356,250
230 W Norwalk Rd, Supreme Milford LLC to Garcia, Yennis, 3/14, \$799,900

OLD LYME

49 Biscayne Blvd, Dente, Raffaele and Dente, Angelina to Rijnnezz, Marcello and Borelli, Albert, 3/15, \$375,000
453 Shore Rd, Johnson, Jeremy B to Martin, Stanley and Martin, Susan, 3/18, \$440,000

OLD SAYBROOK

5 Cromwell Ct, Cowell Nina M Est and Cowell, Michael L to Raunikar, Mark E and Raunikar, Jane S, 3/14, \$821,000

ORANGE

High Ridge Rd, Dutta, Tilotoma and Dutta, Santidiv to Annorne, Ralph and Annorne, Joanne, 3/11, \$440,000
Taylor City Rd, Eloise Phelps Clark NT and Clark, Eloise P to Orange Town Of, 3/15, \$175,000
484 Ridge Rd, Quirk, Edward J to Pace Homebuyers LLC, 3/11, \$270,000
497 Wolcott Ln, Green, Sean Michael to Patrick, Lisa and Norden, Joseph, 3/15, \$550,000
105 Webster Ct Lot 105, Kozon, Lisa to Gomez, Noelia, 3/14, \$129,500

PLAINFIELD

Main St, 40 South Main Street LLC to Cadieux, Joseph, 3/14, \$100,000
1-3 4th St, H&C Garden LLC to Coderre, Cadie, 3/14, \$215,000
41 Winthrop Dr, Foley John A 3rd Est and Carrigan, Kelley to Nardi, Amanda J, 3/16, \$225,000
44 Gendron Rd, Tewksbury Builders LLC to Savanphong, Billy, 3/16, \$379,900
218-224 Pond Hill Rd, Pond Hill LLC to KBG Realty Properties LLC, 3/14, \$365,000

PLAINVILLE

5 Mountain View Dr, Talley, Catherine to Valentine, Krysten J and Hudick, Drew J, 3/14, \$240,000
16 Northampton Ln Lot 14, David E Koskoff Profit Plt and Koskoff, David E to Petrucci 3rd, Edward A and Petrucci, Sheila E, 3/14, \$110,000
237 W Main St, Prado, Pamela to Cruz, Danielle M, 3/15, \$205,000
363 Farmington Ave, Lefemine, Rose L to Lyons, Brand, 3/16, \$206,000

PLYMOUTH

3 Magnolia Ln, Theriault Alan L Est and Theriault, Brendano to Allin, Whizism, 3/15, \$379,900
10 Wolcott Rd, Price, Matthew and Price, Lindsey M to Ryan, Matthew, 3/15, \$30,000
31 W Park Rd, Overton, Donald F to Loturco, David, 3/14, \$131,000
39 W Park Rd, Overton, Donald F to Loturco, David, 3/14, \$131,000
389 Mount Tobe Rd, Perriello 2nd, Margaret M and Quicken Loans Inc to Quicken Loans Inc, 3/14, \$111,419

PROSPECT

27 Laurel N, Fappiano, Gene M and Fappiano, Michelle A to Findley, Christopher J and Raczynski, Jessica L, 3/18, \$425,000
36 Morris Rd, Benwell, Daniel and Benwell, Nancy H to Petroniro, Domenic, 3/15, \$305,000
63 Melissa Ln, Laflamme, Cherie and Genua, Matthew to Diangelis, Keith V, 3/14, \$551,000

REDDING

9 Hoves Ln, Frei, Ronald H and Rei, Cynthia N to Dacosta, Andre, 3/14, \$382,000
41 Chalburn Rd, Broderick, Ingrid E to

Shih, Shiauping R and Huang, Yunwu, 3/15, \$810,000

RIDGEFIELD

Pine Mountain Rd, CT Yankee Council Boy Scout to Ridgefield Town Of, 3/18, \$123,072
2 Cook Close Lot 2, Pilla, George to Bergen, Jennifer, 3/14, \$225,000
4 Eustis Ln, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Habeeb, Mark and Habeeb, Jennifer, 3/16, \$1,296,000
5 Christopher Rd, Aldis, Sherri A and Gouaud, Moktar to Fleming, Laura E, 3/14, \$840,000
19 Beaver Brook Rd, Harrison, Benjamin T and Grace, Taryn to Kinford, Philip and Kinford, Jennifer, 3/18, \$725,000
35 Ketcham Rd, Scott, John C and Scott, Kimberly A to Sclafani, Austin M and Sclafani, Kelsie O, 3/16, \$860,000
40 Woodland Way, Kinford, Philip and Kinford, Jennifer M to Lockwood, Warren P and Petrolia, Joseica F, 3/15, \$605,000
54 Harvey Rd, Davies, Arthur to Design Home Builders LLC, 3/16, \$425,000
94 Soundview Rd, Grace, R Michael to Ferrandino Ent LLC, 3/15, \$362,500
97 West St Lot 2, Bonom, Sandra to Escandon, Pablo S and Terreros, Andrea E, 3/14, \$337,500

SALEM

727 West Rd, Roraback, Debra J to Gagnier, Thomas and Kaseta-Gagnier, Elizabeth, 3/15, \$96,000

SALISBURY

9 Woodcrest Ln, US Bank NA to Lonigro, Anthony and Lonigro, Nancy, 3/14, \$411,000
177 Under Mountain Rd, Schenkel, Renee to Jones, Gordon P and Jones, Courtney, 3/16, \$675,000

SHARON

110 Westwoods Road 2, Dean, Jeannette J to Wood, Sarah M and Yemin, Daniel, 3/16, \$497,000
314 Amenias Union Rd, Killer, Helen J to Lombart Road LLC, 3/14, \$385,000

SHELTON

Booth Hill Rd, Tartamella, Frank and Tartamella, Melina to Hosking Morel, Gustavo A, 3/17, \$450,000
42-44 Cliff St, Bojic, Mirsad to Kosovo LLC, 3/16, \$250,000
61 Jarden Cir Lot 61, Boritz, John and Boritz, Susan M to Ferik, Thomas J, 3/15, \$400,000
86 Walnut Tree Hill Rd, Zachariadis, Nicholas and Zachariadis, Patti to Hafford, Bruce and Lane, Courtney, 3/18, \$750,000
102 North St, Rhode Island Lights to Reid, Patricia A, 3/14, \$490,000
110 River Rd, Rodensky, Jeffrey to Monroe, Hira K, 3/14, \$325,000
145 Ripton Rd, S S Tile&Marble LLC to Santos-Restore, Andreia, 3/16, \$567,000
241 Summerfield Gdns Lot 241, Bygott, Rosalie M to Heinemann, Walter and Heinemann, Stacie, 3/17, \$415,000

SIMSBURY

10 Wiggins Farm Dr Lot D, Brooks, Stacey to Cervantes, Nina M, 3/15, \$210,000
17 Wiggins Farm Dr Lot D, Sheary, Lisa A to Rosemarie Ann Dermer RET and Dermer, Rosemarie A, 3/14, \$220,000
24 Mountain Rd, Kissell, Shawn to Krupski, Kevin, 3/16, \$315,000
24 Woodhaven Dr, Casteran, Glenn A to Ruppel, Christopher J, 3/14, \$555,000
43 Simsbury Lndg Lot 43, Shilosky Marianne Est and Watterworth, Gayle M to Vayda, David E, 3/16, \$182,900
103 Hilltop Dr Lot 103, Vu, Talia N to Blascyk, William A, 3/15, \$310,000
105 Cambridge Ct, Sunlight Construction Inc to Modi, Jeemi J, 3/15, \$489,740
122 N Saddle Rdg, Steinberg, Jennifer G to Karakales Jr, James M, 3/17, \$551,000

SOMERS

64 Somerset Ln, Colon, Joan R and Reverse Mortgage Soln Inc to Reverse Mtg Solutions Inc, 3/16, \$286,000
79 9th District Rd, Abbatamonte, Debra S to Santanella, Paul E and Santanella, Susan A, 3/15, \$245,000
106 Turnpike Rd, Reidy Jr, James E and Reidy, Gina M to Ruggiero, Selma M, 3/14, \$46

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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127 Rodney St, Ma&Zii LLC to Tacuri, Isabel S, 3/15, \$270,000
131 Farrington Ave, Wtby 5 Development LLC to Honiker, Ashlee and Honiker, James R, 3/17, \$230,000
161 Split Rock Dr, Galitsatos, Jessica to Jeffers, Kwesi K, 3/14, \$295,000
189 Easton Ave, Brass City Homes LLC to Lema, Mario O, 3/17, \$260,000
190 Horseshoe Dr, George, Linda G to Lopez, Juana C and Espinosa, Alvaro L, 3/16, \$220,000
200 Kaynor Dr Lot D, Torrenegra, Monica to Matias, Alfonso, 3/17, \$110,136
207 Alder St, Shaholli, Nexhip to Narine, Vidyawatee, 3/15, \$240,000
208 Wood St, Kalapala, Elizabeth to Guer-rero, Joni F, 3/16, \$70,000
212 Windy Dr, Windy Drive Assoc to Duncan, Alwin D, 3/14, \$327,400
299 Bucks Hill Rd, Josey, Paul to Colon, Dina I, 3/14, \$226,600
351 E Main St, CT State Prop LLC to Nsprd-plus LLC, 3/14, \$189,500
351 E Main St, 353 East Main Street LLC to Nsprdplus LLC, 3/14, \$189,500
365 Willow St, Garcia, Ramon to 365 Willow St LLC, 3/14, \$715,000
450 Como Ave, Mckenzie, Paul and Mcken-zie, Feione to Lema, Rosa and Calle, Luis, 3/18, \$511,700
488 Perkins Ave Lot 7, Dayton, Jennifer and Miller, Bridget to Hillcrest SMT Unltd LLC, 3/15, \$60,000
517 Baldwin St, Martinelli T and Martinelli, Carla to 517 Baldwin LLC, 3/14, \$225,000
551 Wilson St, Horn, John J to Baez, Vincys, 3/18, \$50,000
751 Cooke St, Aviles Sr, Victor M to Muninuzzaman, Sheik M, 3/15, \$200,000

1430 N Main St, Koper, George to Cajo, Carmen A, 3/17, \$170,000
1472 Baldwin St, Sousa, Irene C to Family 2022 LLC, 3/14, \$350,000

WATERFORD
Peltier Ave, Revoir, Anthony G to Dewall&Spinns LLC, 3/14, \$145,000
1 Maple Ter, Costello, Irene F to Tintile, Aleta, 3/14, \$260,000
6 Colonial Dr, Wolejko, Pamela L and Oreilly, Sharon L to Sabilla, Jamie and Sabilla, Mark, 3/11, \$462,000

44 Yorkshire Dr, Rafuse, Caitlin M to Chen, Xinhua and Chen, Xin L, 3/11, \$439,900
54 Rope Ferry Rd Lot N165, Unruh, Sallie to Walski, Kimberly, 3/11, \$105,000
61 Myrock Ave, Home Theater TV Inc to Waterford Central LLC, 3/14, \$1,850,000
812 Vauxhall St Ext, Gambro Jenny S Est and Gambro, Lisa to Killeen, Paul H, 3/14, \$280,000
977 Hartford Tpke, Stonington Partners LLC to Au Waterford Prop LLC, 3/11, \$340,000

WATERTOWN
41 Bruce St, Pietro, Roy and Pietro, Annette to Duckworth, Rohan A, 3/14, \$385,000
71 Viola St, Gelgauda Helen S Est and Barkus, Edward J to Bowles, Scott and Fortin, Katherine, 3/15, \$145,000
119 Pullen Ave, Pelosi T and Pelosi, Umberto to Wesolowski, Tyler, 3/14, \$242,000

WEST HAVEN
33 Arlington St, Young, David to Flippin Ct LLC, 3/14, \$126,000
33 Brown St, Kavanah, Mark and Kavanah, Kathleen to Prushinowski, Chaim, 3/16, \$236,000
140 Leete St, Ploen, Stephen to Sevilla-no-Portilla, Javier, 3/16, \$245,000

144 East Ave, Pabon, Alba to Vicuna, Wilmer J, 3/15, \$237,000
256 Peck Ave, Blue Group Properties LLC to Aguirre, Rachel, 3/14, \$280,000
358 2nd Ave, Izzo, Angela to Soto, Angela C and Reynoso, Caitlyn N, 3/14, \$255,000
421 2nd Ave, Sevellano-Portilla, Javier to Fenwick, Carlo and Hamdani, Abeer A, 3/14, \$272,000
447 1st Ave, West Haven City Of to CU Chulainn Industries, 3/15, \$25,000
484 1st Ave Lot 20, Parajuli, Ranjit to Conlon, Sean, 3/16, \$140,000

WESTON
N/A, Hedge, Prasad to Ruby, Ethan and Rosenthal-Ruby, Julie, 3/14, \$4,350,000
2-B Powder Horn Hl, MJL Realty Inv LLC to 85 Weston Woods Way LLC, 3/16, \$300,000
26 Codfish Ln, Narins, Allison to 26 Codfish LLC, 3/14, \$560,000
41 Norfield Woods Rd, Sarfraz, Naushin and Sarfraz, Nueem to Khassaf, Hamidreza and Mahrou, Bahareh, 3/14, \$635,000
85 Weston Woods Way, MJL Realty Inv LLC to 85 Weston Woods Way LLC, 3/16, \$300,000
112 Steep Hill Rd, Shattuck, Sharon C and Shattuck, Mark D to Maaghul, Brendan and Maaghul, Carolyn, 3/15, \$875,000
235 Newtown Tpke, Lapointe, Marianne to Possenti, Giulio and Donnellan-Possenti, Sandra, 3/14, \$525,000

WESTPORT
3 Charbeth Ln, Singer, Pamela D to Adolf-son, Eric, 3/16, \$1,370,000
4 Ferry Ln E, Woods, Marybeth C and Woods, Gregory L to Pluff, Caitlin M and Pluff, Kevin T, 3/15, \$1,750,000
5 Mallard Ln, Andriuk, Mark J to Lasantinam 5 LLC, 3/15, \$3,195,000

11 Wake Robin Rd, Deverin, Midge H and Deverin, Bernard to Greyhome Partners LLC, 3/11, \$953,711
33 Rices Ln, Kane, Jonathan T and Katz, Melissa N to Kelly, Bruce and Kelly, Anne, 3/15, \$2,010,000
320 Post Rd W, 320 Post Rd West Grp LLC to Mars Partners LLC, 3/15, \$5,400,000
2040 NE Ocean Blvd, Newtown Homes LLC to Meyer, Sibyl M and Ledwick, Tim S, 3/11, \$849,000

WETHERSFIELD
38 Patriot Ln, Parsons, Daniel C and Parsons, Jean R to Lanzarone, Anthony W and Lanzarone, Susan A, 3/18, \$765,000
69 Concord Cir, Stevens, Nicholas B to Patruno, Jessica R, 3/14, \$240,000
125 Ridge Rd, Dacunha, Divino to Cabrera, Damaris C, 3/18, \$314,400
249 Main St, Le, Tucker C and Berman, Marcie to 249 Main Street LLC, 3/17, \$375,000
383 Silas Deane Hwy, Ces 383 LLC to 383 Silas Deane Hwy LLC, 3/18, \$372,500

WILTON
36 Signal Hill Rd, 36 Signal Hill Road LLC to Drbal, Nicholas, 3/17, \$2,550,000
48 Duck Pond Pl, Joggerst, Bryan and Joggerst, Julia to Schnitzer, Adam, 3/16, \$1,322,000

WINCHESTER
10 Baker St, Henry, Jacob and Szur, Mercedes to Murphy, Jordan E and Murphy, Alexandra S, 3/15, \$200,000
14 Mountain Ave, D&J Associates LLC to Echavarria, Sergio J and Jordan, Aroya D, 3/14, \$215,000
55-57 Royal St, Parks Michiel A Est and Parks Jr, Clarence L to Parks Jr, Clarence J, 3/14, \$160,000

WINDHAM
28 Insalaco Dr, Krug, Martha E to Rood, Ethan, 3/15, \$225,000
60 Francis St, Velez, Camila to Gallo, Sandra R, 3/16, \$247,900
70 Natchaug St, Building 5 LLC to Hernan-dez, Hector, 3/18, \$157,500
91 Horizon Ave, Ortiz Perez, Luis B to Chen, Edward, 3/16, \$340,000
158 Babcock Hill Rd, Colwell, Raymond W and Colwell, Theodore M to Garcia, Liborio A, 3/14, \$168,000
192 Indian Hollow Rd, Tompkins, Clifford to Goyette, Christopher, 3/15, \$320,000
200 Tuckie Rd, Oquendo, Daniel to Dupere, Heather M, 3/15, \$209,000

WINDSOR
61 Ely Cir, Allen, Adrian and Taylor-Allen, Teresa to Williams, Jalisa and Lipscome, Camia, 3/14, \$263,000
74 High Path Rd Lot 74, Ottman 2nd, James A to Lebron, Luis, 3/14, \$64,000
83 Merriman Rd, R&A Rentals LLC to Tazifor, Stacey and Tazifor, Roger, 3/14, \$467,000
231 Preston St, Fusco, Marc and Fusco, Candida to Stewart, Keith G and Stewart, Sybil R, 3/16, \$308,600
308 Dunfey Ln Lot 308, Rivera, Anitress to Forbes, Noah M and Arlene, Arlene A, 3/14, \$170,000

WINDSOR LOCKS
1 Concorde Way, Altenhein, Gary D to Pecor, Kyle, 3/15, \$100,000
1 Jubrey Ln, Orell, Harry M to Korza, Sylvia M, 3/15, \$141,000
11 Glenbrook Dr Lot 11, M&L Dev Corp to Farnham, Carol, 3/14, \$315,000
23 Lincoln St, Marek, Michael T to Rinas, Rebecca L and Laboy, Victor O, 3/14, \$220,000

27 Hughes Ln, Stone, Ruth L and Puckette, Kerry L to Sturdevant, Kelly D and Sturdevant, Matthew K, 3/16, \$233,000
101 Southwest Ave, Peters, Shirley D and Longbridge Financial LLC to Longbridge Financial LLC, 3/16, \$180,312

WOLCOTT
Dellwood Rd, Platt, Beth A to Stonaha, Stefanie L, 3/15, \$340,000
Farrell St, Karber, Teresa N to Migacz Jr, Robert, 3/14, \$42,000
Finch Rd, Giroux, Robert J and Giroux, Cathy R to Dubrosky, Jillian and Dubrosky, Brandon, 3/18, \$274,000
Spindle Hill Rd, Colon, Ryan A and Colon, Kathleen J to Hellman, Erica, 3/15, \$276,900
1 Sanford St, Bryant, Zavian to Giuliani, Bianca, 3/14, \$251,500
6 Liberty Ln Lot 6, Heritage Hill Wolcott LLC to Fulton, Ariel C and Fulton, Ruth M, 3/15, \$298,446
36 Cancellaro Dr, Petro, Steven to Colon, Ryan A and Colon, Kathleen, 3/14, \$365,000
90 Tosun Rd, Dimasso, Beatrice R to Lacz, Lareina J, 3/14, \$242,500

WOODBRIDGE
34 Seymour Rd, Lasto, Helen J to Ash, Garrett and Chernova, Irene, 3/18, \$850,000

WOODSTOCK
Route 198, Durkin, Maureen M to K&M Villa State LLC, 3/14, \$92,000
1 Oak Hill Ests Lot 1, Leighton, Ashley to Norcross, Jeremiah, 3/16, \$195,000
34 Cornfield Pt Lot 34, Trahan, Ruth S to Beattie, Stephen, 3/14, \$200,000

Short on space for growing veggies?

Smaller varieties will thrive when planted in pots

By Jessica Damiano
Associated Press

For many gardeners, a large property with rows of green peppers and sun-kissed tomatoes as far as the eye can see is just a dream. Many of us either don't have much soil to call our own, have limited mobility, or are new to gardening and feel intimidated.

But sometimes, smaller is better. I encourage even those who have large properties to start small, increasing the size of their gardens gradually to avoid the weeds and neglected plants that often result when expectations don't quite align with reality.

The best way to start small is to plant vegetables in containers. And the good news is that in response to the gardening renaissance of the past few years, plant breeders have been scaling down the size of many edibles to accommodate people gardening on roof-tops, fire escapes, patios and balconies.

Seek out dwarf or compact varieties of your favorite vegetables. Despite their small statures, most have been bred to produce prolific harvests.

Crops like the aptly named Pot-a-peno peppers, Spacemaster cucumbers, Little Gem and Tom Thumb lettuces, Kitchen Minis Red Velvet tomatoes, Thumbelina carrots, Slim Jim and Patio Baby eggplants, Baby Head cabbages, Bush Baby squash, Peas-in-a-pot and Sugar Baby watermelons won't disappoint.

And most herbs will grow perfectly well in a pot, as will plants that grow vertically, like pole beans.

The containers, potting mix and location of your plants are just as important to your success as the varieties you select.

Container-grown plants require more water and fertilizer than their in-ground counterparts, so select deep pots; their greater soil volume will retain moisture longer and reduce watering tasks.

Clay and terra cotta absorb and evaporate water quickly, so metal, plastic, resin and glazed pottery containers are better choices. All contain-

ers should have drainage holes in the bottom to allow excess water to escape and help prevent fungal diseases and root rot.

Never use garden soil in containers; it's too heavy and can harbor pests and diseases. Opt instead for a high-quality, organic, soilless potting mix, and add an organic, granular fertilizer if the mixture doesn't already contain one. After planting, top the soil surface with one-half to 1 inch of mulch to reduce evaporation, keep soil temperature even and prevent weed seeds from taking hold.

When selecting a spot for containers, consider that most edibles require a minimum of 6 hours of sunlight daily. Greens, carrots, beans and beets can get by with less, so are good choices for partly shady sites.

Herbs should be planted in pots no smaller than a half-gallon in size; dwarf cultivars of cabbage, cucumbers, lettuces and peas do best in 2-gallon containers; and dwarf carrots, eggplants, peppers, squash and tomatoes require 5-gallon containers that are at least 15-inches wide. Plant watermelons in 8- to 10-gallon pots.

Potatoes can be grown in bushel baskets; add a plastic liner in which you've poked drainage holes, and top with a layer of pebbles before adding potting mix.

Apply a water-soluble fertilizer to vegetables once every week to 10 days throughout the season. Herbs typically don't require additional fertilizer beyond that incorporated at planting time.

Check the soil for moisture daily by sticking your finger 2 inches deep and watering when it feels dry near the roots. Less-frequent, deep waterings trump daily sprinkles. Apply water slowly until it drains from the bottom, and aim for moist, but not soggy, soil.

With the right plants and a little planning, you'll find even a small space can reap a large harvest.

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Pot-a-Peno peppers grow in a patio container. BALL HORTICULTURAL COMPANY PHOTOS



A Kitchen Mini Red Velvet tomato plant is suitable for growing in containers.

ASK THE PLUMBER

Smaller kitchen sink needed for downsized home

By Ed Del Grande
Tribune News Service

Q: We're planning to build a downsized home and I need some ideas for a small kitchen. This won't be a "tiny" home, but it looks like counter width is tight for a full-size kitchen sink. Counter depth is fine, so what do you suggest?

A: I can relate to building a smaller home as well, since we plan to downsize in a few years.

The good news is I have given this question some thought over recent years, and I recommend a versatile or universal-style sink.

A generous size single-bowl universal sink is not as wide as a standard double-bowl kitchen sink. But like the name says, it can actually be used as a primary kitchen sink, secondary kitchen sink, utility sink or even a bar sink. It's also large enough for four faucet holes, so most stan-

dard kitchen faucets should easily fit this sink.

I also recommend going with an enameled cast-iron model for strength, durability and color choices.

Other options to consider are a sloped sink bottom and an offset drain to help open up the work-space area.

Finally, some universal sinks even include custom sink racks. That's a big-time feature for a small-space kitchen sink.

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KOHLER



Andy Dudley, 45, and Lillie Walsh Dudley, 41, with their 5-year-old son, are seen March 11 in their rental apartment in Brooklyn. They paid \$221,000 for a place in Roxbury, New York, and continue to rent in Brooklyn. A growing number of first-time buyers are purchasing a second home while renting their main residence. **N. GABRIELA BHASKAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

When your second home is the first you buy

By Candace Jackson
The New York Times

Lillie Walsh Dudley and Andy Dudley wanted to be homeowners. The couple, who have a 5-year-old son, had been renting in the South Slope neighborhood in the New York City borough of Brooklyn since 2014. They began looking for something to buy about three years ago.

“Even though we’re not rolling in money, we had a little bit of savings,” said Lillie Walsh Dudley, 41, who works in book publishing, as does Andy Dudley, 45. Still, not enough to buy in Brooklyn. “Anything we could possibly afford would be a stretch and a downgrade from our rental.”

Then the pandemic hit, and their apartment suddenly felt small and the city itself felt claustrophobic. The couple decided to try another house hunt.

This time, instead of looking in Brooklyn, they looked farther out — much farther. Their plan: Keep their rental and buy a second home about three hours away in the Catskills. In August 2020, they paid \$221,000 for a move-in ready, 100-year-old house in Roxbury, New York.

A growing number of first-time buyers are doing what the Dudleys did — purchasing a second home while renting their main residence. Though there isn’t data to track this trend, real estate agents and industry observers say a combination of rapidly rising home prices and pandemic work-from-home flexibility has prompted some hopeful homeowners to skip the first step — owning a primary home — and go straight to buying a second home in a more affordable location.

Vacation home purchases in general boomed during the pandemic. In 2020, loan applications for vacation homes were up 30% from 2019, according to the most recently available data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. Zillow, a real estate website, looked at homes for sale in vacation and weekend destinations, and in January 2019 one-quarter of those markets had more page views per home than typical markets. By January 2022, half of them did.

Historically low interest rates and an unpredictable stock market have made real estate an appealing investment category during the past few years, said

Richard Green, the director of the University of Southern California Lusk Center for Real Estate. But rapid price appreciation has put homeownership out of reach for buyers who don’t already have equity in the market or very high income, particularly in already-pricey metro areas like New York and Los Angeles.

Indeed first-time homeownership nationwide has been falling dramatically. In 2009, first-timers made up 45% of the homebuying market, but by January 2022 they represented just 27%, according to the National Association of Realtors. And with median home prices up 13.7% from a year ago, the challenges are mounting.

“Even if you’re being paid really well, accumulating a down payment for a million-dollar house is really hard,” Green said. “But you want to own somewhere, you want to get into the market.”

Which is why some first-timers are getting creative. Virginia Alber-Glanstaetten, 51, and Becky Goodman, 35, who are renters in the Dumbo neighborhood in Brooklyn, said COVID-19-era lifestyle changes, including remote work, prompted

them to buy their first home together near Provincetown, Massachusetts, where they have vacationed for years. Their budget of \$800,000 for a primary home wouldn’t have gotten them much more space than they already had in Brooklyn, they said. But on Cape Cod, where they bought, there were more options within their budget, which was about \$600,000 after setting aside enough to keep paying rent in Brooklyn.

In March 2021, they paid \$605,000 for a 220-year-old fixer-upper on 1.3 acres in North Truro, Massachusetts. “Everyone in my family thought I was insane and that it was the backward way of doing things,” said Goodman.

The home they bought had long ago been converted from a single family into three separate units, which was part of the appeal. The couple plans to stay in one of the units while renting out the others as investment income. With their jobs still partially remote, they have been spending weeks at a time in Cape Cod, while keeping their rental as a home base closer to friends and work.

The appeal of living in

multiple places has grown in recent years with an increase in “nomadic” living, says Austin Allison, CEO and co-founder of Pacaso, a company that sells a fractional ownership model for second homes, allowing buyers to purchase a share of a home to use occasionally. “We see a growing cohort of people who might buy four shares of four homes around the world,” he said.

Some say it’s like having the best of both worlds. “The Cape Cod house has become this really beautiful escape,” said Goodman. “And we like having our resident footprint here in the city and doing the things we love here.”

Dylan Beaumont, 33, who owns a house in the Catskills and rents in Manhattan, put it this way: “If I’m up here for a week or a week and a half, it’s like, ‘I want to go to the city and get Thai food and see some friends,’” he said. “Then you get sick of the city, and you come up here and go hiking.” He and his fiancée, Susanah Zeffiro, 32, purchased in Margaretville, New York, in August 2020, pivoting from their original, pre-pandemic plan to buy a place in the city.

They paid \$565,000

for the Catskills home and have spent more time there than they initially thought they would, with the prolonged nature of the pandemic. Beaumont and Zeffiro’s jobs in advertising are still partially remote, but they often have to meet with clients in the city or travel for work. “I love the balance,” Beaumont said.

Other first-timers are buying second homes now with the idea of moving into them later on. Jackie Puerta, a 48-year-old ultrasound technician who lives in North Bergen, New Jersey, said she became enamored with Miami in the ‘80s watching “Miami Vice,” the TV show. Earlier this year, she bought a 16th-floor condo in Miami’s Edgewater neighborhood for \$310,000. She spent the first few weeks staying at the condo on an air mattress. “Just to wake up to that view, it was all worth it,” she said.

Though her job is in New York, she plans to move to Florida within the next two years. Until then, she’s renting the place to long-term tenants to cover her mortgage and other monthly expenses. “I’m very surprised that I pulled this off,” she said. “I always wanted to do it.”

How to create the perfect home office space

By Katie Laughridge
Tribune News Service

The home office has seen quite the resurgence these last few years. With more and more companies switching to work-from-home or hybrid schedules, it is only natural that we want to create a space for ourselves to buckle down and get things done while at home.

However, office spaces aren’t just for full-time employees. We all need a place to pay the bills, go through paperwork and keep our computers

charging.

For those who work from home on a regular basis and need a dedicated room, I like to start with the bigger items and work my way down to the finishing touches. That means bringing in the desk first.

It is important to ask yourself what you need from your desk, as it should be a practical yet beautiful item. It may turn out that what you really need is a small table or delicate writing desk. The most important thing is to take the time to find one that fits with the scale and function

of your space.

Now that you have your desk, the next step is a place to sit down and get busy. Picking out a chair for your office is a big decision! There are so many better options beyond a basic computer chair that offer comfort along with style.

I like to add a pop of texture with my chair choices, so I tend to gravitate toward finely patterned upholstered styles or even rich classic leather seating. I love the elegance of a wing-back chair in an office, but

standard sized chairs can create just as much of an impact in the right fabric.

Storage and shelving is a must-have in any home office. Large case goods that sit up against the wall are a space-saver and a wonderful addition to any room, but especially an office. Mixing in books and accessories is a great way to keep frequently used items on hand without sacrificing your desired aesthetic. Not having a place to hide my papers is also a great motivation to keeping my office space clean and tidy.



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new touches, I get to enjoy my blue-and-white table for a while longer without it getting stale.

Cabbage plates make for a great cabinet display when they are off the table.

Replacing the holiday

dishes is never easy, but these do take the sting out quite a bit. They pair well with just about any color and look ready for a fluffy bunny to come take a nibble out of as you prepare for Easter. I sneaked in a few tomato dishes to accompany them and have the beginnings of a great display (and a great salad).

As we delve deeper into spring, so too can our tables. I have been loving garden-inspired decor so far this year.

There is something so fresh and clean about bringing produce into a display that breathes new air into our spaces. This love may also have something to do with my inability to grow

veggies in real life.

My current favorite table in the shop is bursting with homegrown goodies that even my lack of a green thumb can’t ruin. Vegetable dinner plates really pop against the beautiful, cheerfully colored chargers. Each one is cuter than the last, and I can’t decide which design I like best.

Luckily, they are adorable as a matching set or mixed.

Since it is still too early for fresh garden supplies, we have adorable faux veggies and herbs saving the day and looking good enough to eat (but I wouldn’t recommend it). A bowl of tomatoes can create a stunning countertop display, while a few herbs in a pot can make

a table topper that puts a smile on your face. It has all the charm and allure, without spending a day in the garden.

Soon we will be toiling in the soil for all natural goods, and I can’t wait for that either. In the meantime, I am chasing my winter blues away one place setting at a time.

ASK THE BUILDER

A better way to add color to concrete

By **Tim Carter**
Tribune Content Agency

Every day, I receive quite a few emails via the Ask Tim page on AskTheBuilder.com. A common question, believe it or not, is how to add color to concrete. It makes sense. A lot of people dislike the drab gray color of concrete. So people ask me about painting garage floors, steps, patios and even side-walks.

Paint, in my opinion, is not the best way to achieve the goal. First, paint can be slippery, as people typically want a shiny high-gloss finish. Something in our brains makes shiny things irresistible. This is why I think deck stain manufacturers have given us film-forming deck sealers that eventually peel.

Paints on concrete will eventually peel as well, whether the surface is indoors or outdoors. I remember as a boy helping my mom paint our basement floor. It had been painted before, but it was peeling in places. The house was built prior to World War II, and there was no vapor barrier under the concrete. The water working up through the soil under the concrete created a vapor pressure that caused the paint to fail. This is almost certain to happen to any concrete surface you decide to paint outdoors.

If you're bound and determined to paint your concrete to add color, you can minimize the slipperiness of painted concrete by broadcasting a very fine amount of pure silica sand into the paint just after you apply it. If you hesitate even

a few moments, the paint can skin over and the sand will not adhere well. You need to practice your technique to distribute the sand evenly in the paint.

Be sure you use a paint with a urethane resin. Porch paint is the best. I have a few articles at AsktheBuilder.com that go into great detail about painting porches and exactly why urethane paints are superb. You may want to check them out.

I feel the better way to add any color to existing concrete you're trying to freshen up is to simply add a thin 1/8-inch coat of cement stucco to the concrete. You'd be stunned at how easy it is to do this and achieve professional results. What's more, you can get really creative and use multiple colors to create distinctive patterns on your concrete. You can make an American flag with little effort, or imagine steps looking like a slanted piano keyboard.

You add color to cement stucco by blending dry-shake pigments into the mix. These pigments are readily available and come in a rainbow of colors. You can experiment and blend two different pigments to create a custom color. Concrete masons that install stamped concrete use these pigments to make their work stand out.

The cement stucco I'm talking about is just a mixture of fine sand, Portland cement, a dash of hydrated lime, and clear water. I've had the best success blending the cement and sand together first, and then adding the dry pigment mixing until the dry ingredients have the



Beware of painting concrete, as it presents a dangerous slipping hazard. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

same color. It's then time to add clear clean water. Your goal is to create a stucco mix that is the consistency of cool, not warm, apple-sauce.

It's mission-critical for the concrete you're going to colorize to be sound, clean, and very slightly damp. This is one of the few times I'm OK with using a pressure washer on concrete. You want to blast any old paint, mildew, mold, algae, oil, and loose, crumbling concrete away. Any of these things, if left on the surface, will interfere with the bonding of the new stucco to the old concrete.

The secret step that you

rarely hear from any other home improvement guru is cement paint. I discovered this age-old secret from a very old mason when I was just starting in the business. He described how they used cement paint to ensure the cement stucco they applied to new concrete steps would stay adhered for over 100 years. He was right. Every time I visit my hometown, Cincinnati, I drive past exterior concrete steps with this stucco, and it looks as good as it did when applied in the early 1900s.

Cement paint is just what it sounds like. You mix pure Portland cement

with water until it has the consistency of paint. If you're colorizing your stucco, add some pigment to your cement paint too. You apply this with a 4-inch brush to the thickness that you'd apply normal paint. It's vital the concrete be damp, but not wet. You must cover this paint with your stucco immediately, making sure the cement paint never dries.

The best weather in which to do this job is over-cast skies with no threat of rain. An air temperature of the upper 50s would be ideal. The worst time to do this job is on a blistering, breezy summer day. On

hot, windy days, you'll have reduced working time with the stucco, and it may dry too quickly.

Once you've finished rubbing the stucco with a wood or sponge-rubber float and are satisfied with the appearance, cover the work with a plastic sheet so the water can't evaporate into the air. This will ensure the stucco will adhere really well.

I have a time-tested recipe for the stucco mix. You'd do well to mix your stucco like mine if you want it to last for 100 years! Check it out at GO. askthebuilder.com/Mortar-RecipeTip

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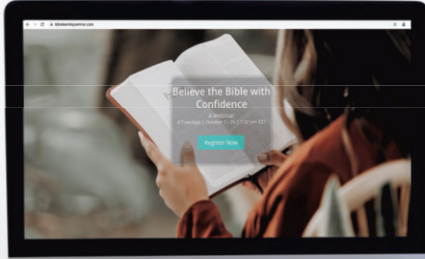
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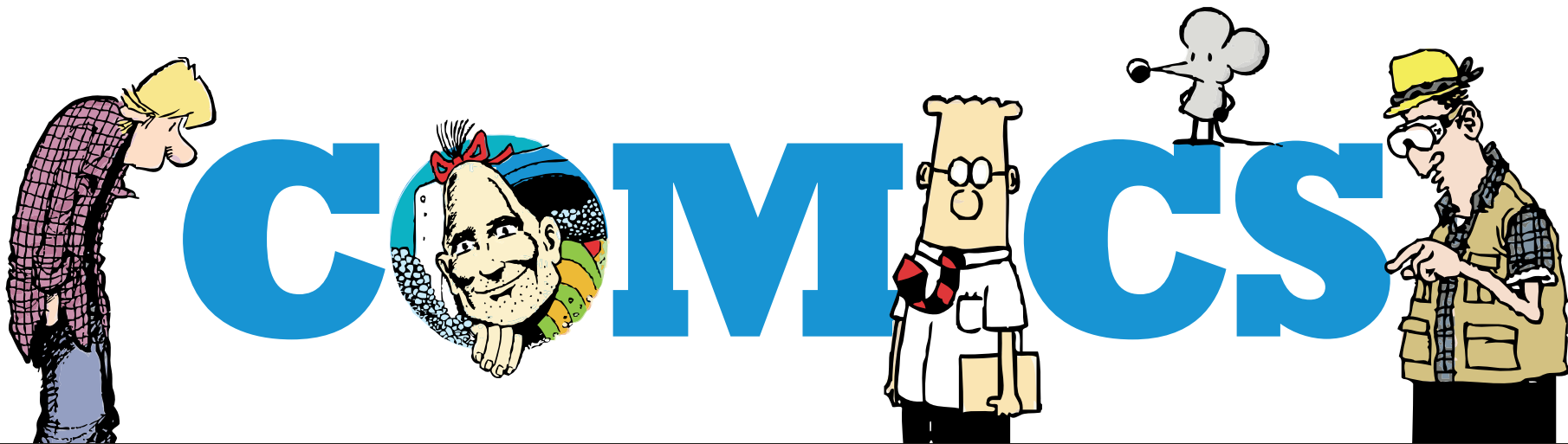
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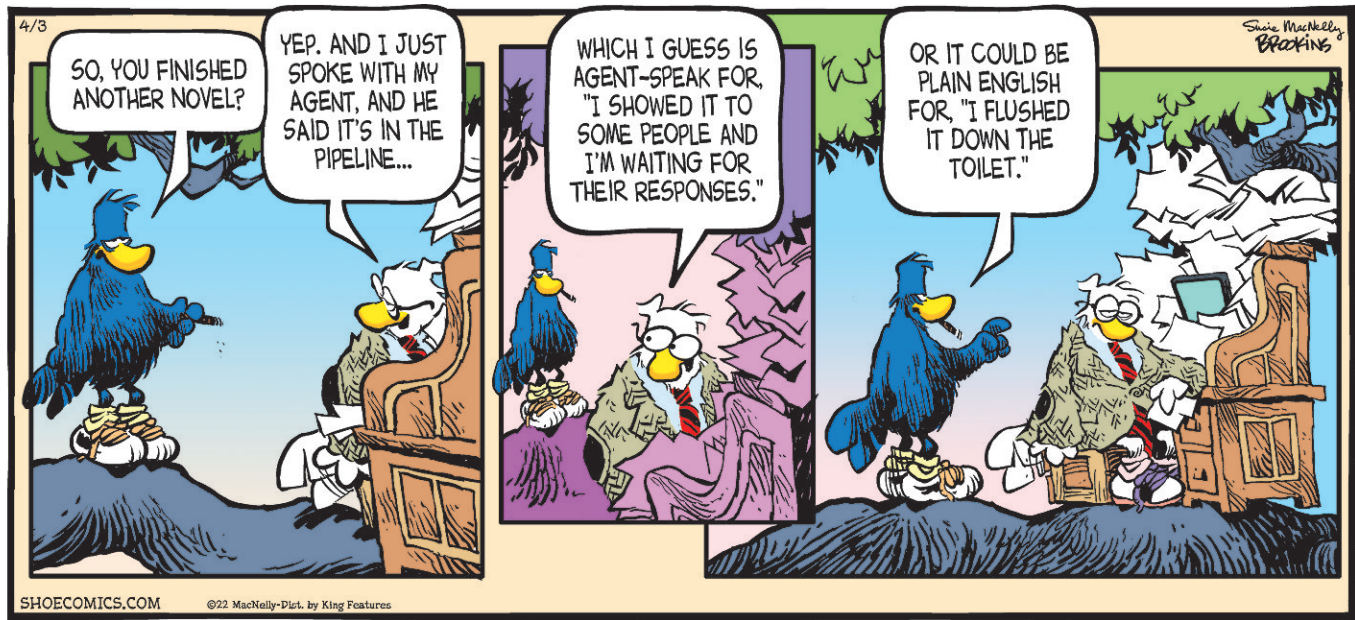
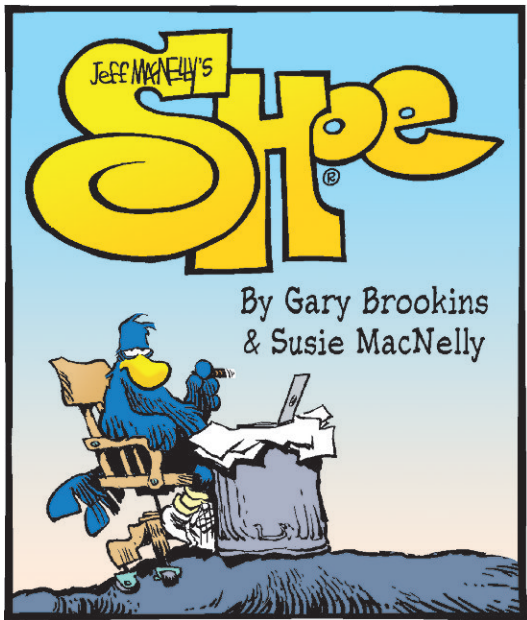
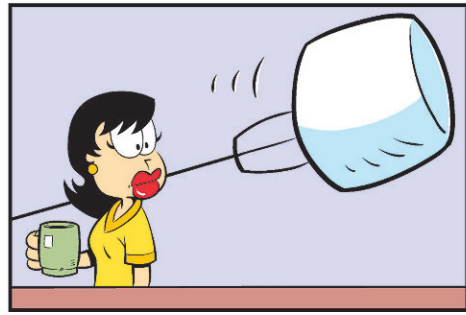
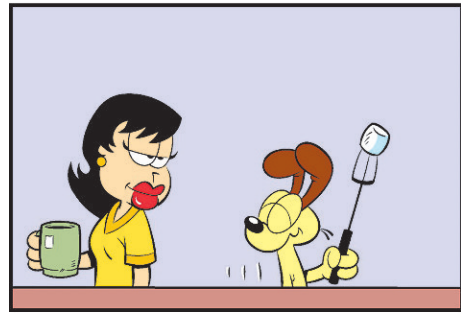
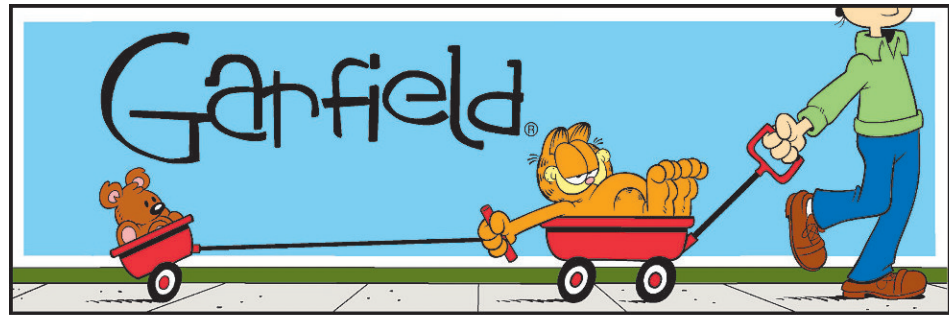
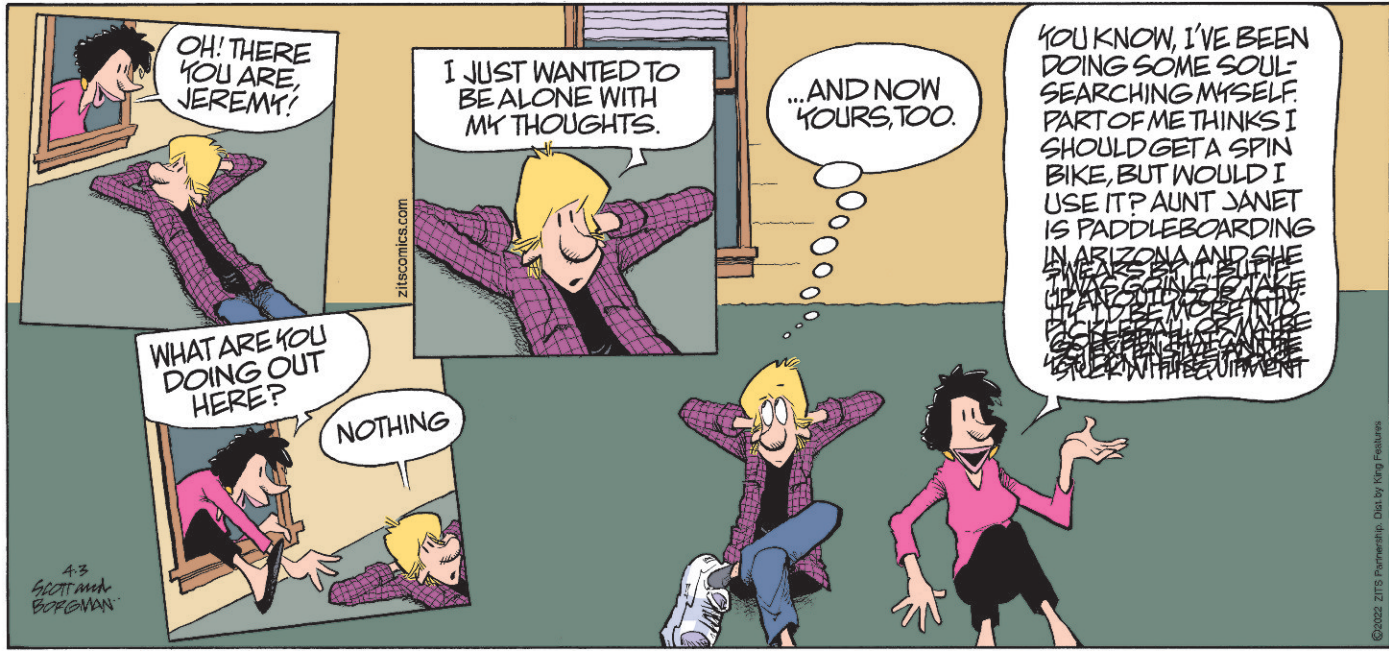
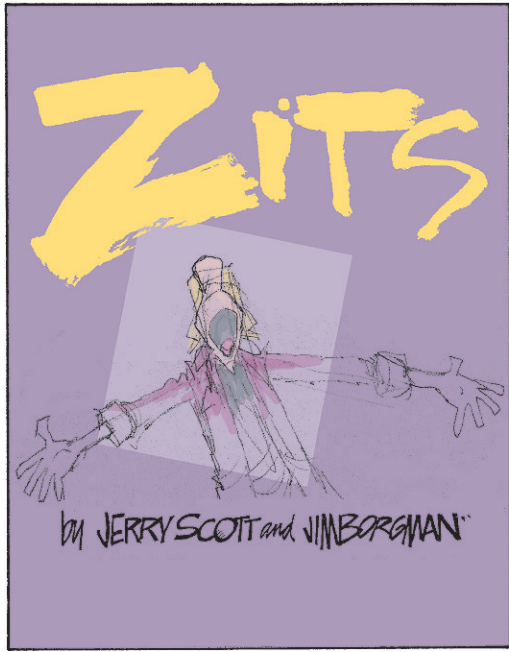
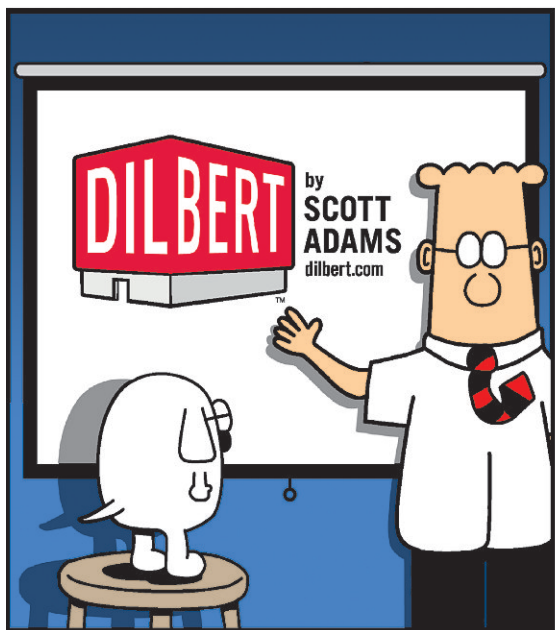
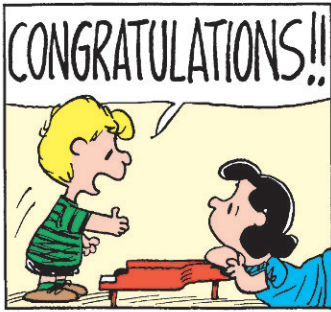
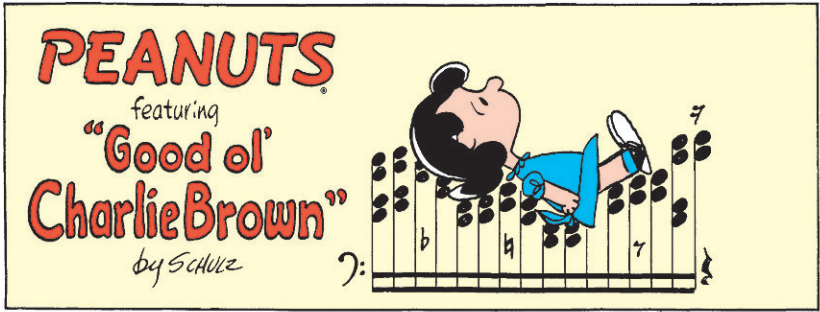
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JUMP START

Starring JOE & MARCY

By ROBB NEWSTROM

HULH! ACK Hack! KOFF! HOK!

uh oh!

I'm sick?!

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By LYNN JOHNSON

I've taken every precaution known to man!

I've stayed six feet away from everyone -

including my own reflection in the mirror!

I scrub my hands eighty times a day!

Doctor Appleby, it sounds like you have the common cold.

A new variant!

GOOD. I SEE MIKE BATHED THE DOG LIKE I ASKED HIM TO!!

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

YOU'RE STUPID.

YOU'RE UGLY.

SHUT UP!

YOU SHUT UP!

STOP FIGHTING!

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

PLAY A GAME.

HOW ABOUT THE LICENSE PLATE GAME?

SEE HOW MANY DIFFERENT STATE LICENSE PLATES YOU CAN SPOT.

I SEE HAWAII!

NO YOU DIDN'T! HOW WOULD IT GET HERE?!

ON A BOAT, DUMMY!

THAT SURE PASSED THE TIME.

CHEATER!

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT

I TURN IN MY MATH WORKSHEET A LITTLE LATE AND MR. BURKE COMPLAINS. I GET IT.

BUT I TURN IN MY WRITING ASSIGNMENT WAY EARLY AND HE COMPLAINS ABOUT THAT!

THAT'S BECAUSE MATH IS EITHER RIGHT OR WRONG, DONE OR NOT DONE.

BUT YOU'RE NEVER DONE WRITING.

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.

SO WHY GIVE THE WRITING ASSIGNMENT A DEADLINE AT ALL?

BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU'D NEVER BE DONE WRITING.

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

A VANISHING BREED. THERE WERE ONCE ALMOST 2,000. NOW THERE'S ONLY 30.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S LEFT A VOID OF POLITICAL SATIRE...

IT'S RAINING

YESH.

IT'S POURING

YESH.

THE OLD MAN IS SNORING

YESH!

THE GOOSE KNOWS.

I WROTE THE BOOK.

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

GLENWOOD, A TYPICAL TOWN, SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF AMERICA. IT'S HOME TO ALL SORTS OF FOLKS -- AND THEY ALL NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.

THAT'S WHERE REX MORGAN AND HIS WIFE, JUNE, COME IN. HE'S AN M.D. -- SHE'S A NURSE PRACTITIONER. ALONG WITH NURSE MICHELLE CARTER-HARRIS AND OFFICE MANAGER SUMMER KNIGHT, THEY RUN THE MORGAN CLINIC.

THEY ALSO HAVE A BUSY HOME LIFE, WITH THREE KIDS AND TWO DOGS.

THEIR FRIENDS, PATIENTS AND FAMILY ARE A VARIED BUNCH -- VETERAN, AUTHOR, COUNTRY & WESTERN SINGER, CHEF, ELDERLY COMIC BOOK ARTIST, AND A RETIRED WRESTLER, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

THE MORGANS HAVE DEALT WITH ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE, FROM WEALTHY BUSINESSMEN TO CRAFTY CON ARTISTS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT SORT OF CHARACTER MIGHT SHOW UP NEXT.

YOUR NEXT PATIENT IS READY IN ROOM THREE, DR. MORGAN.

MOTHER GOOSE

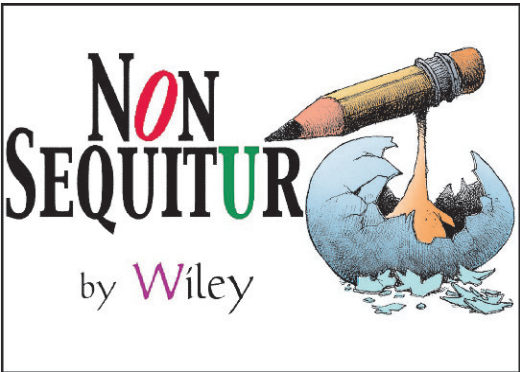
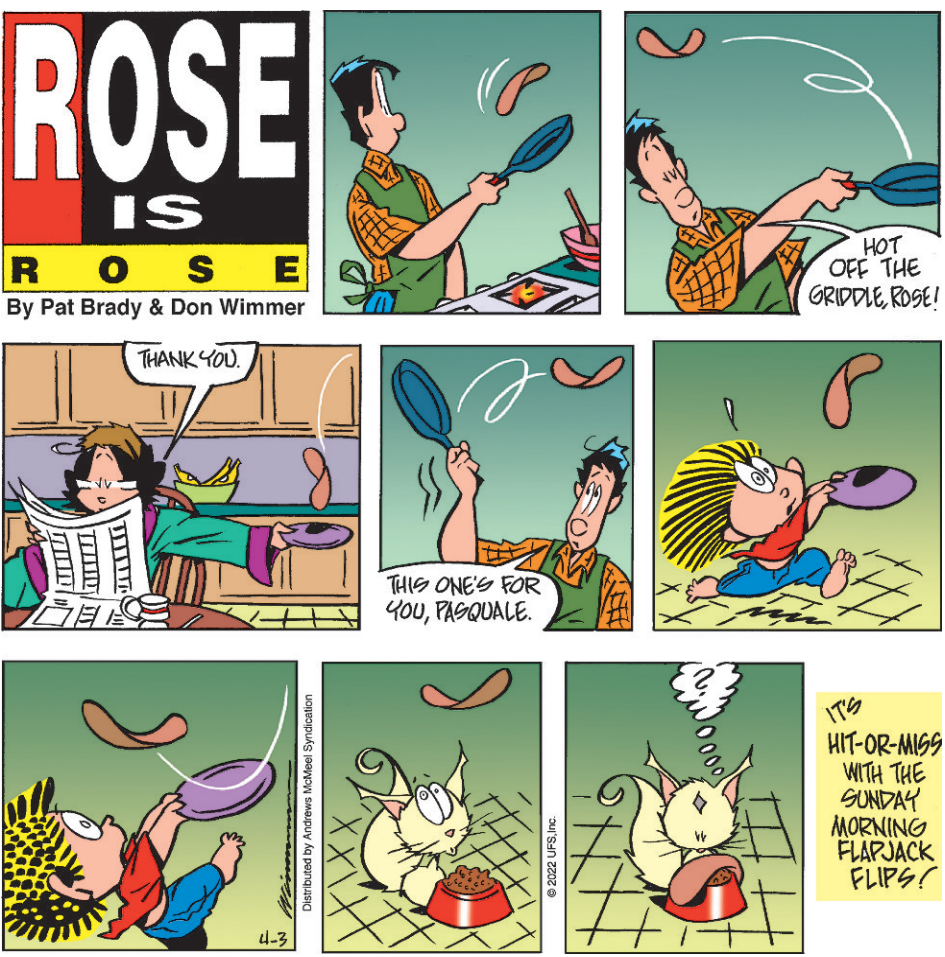
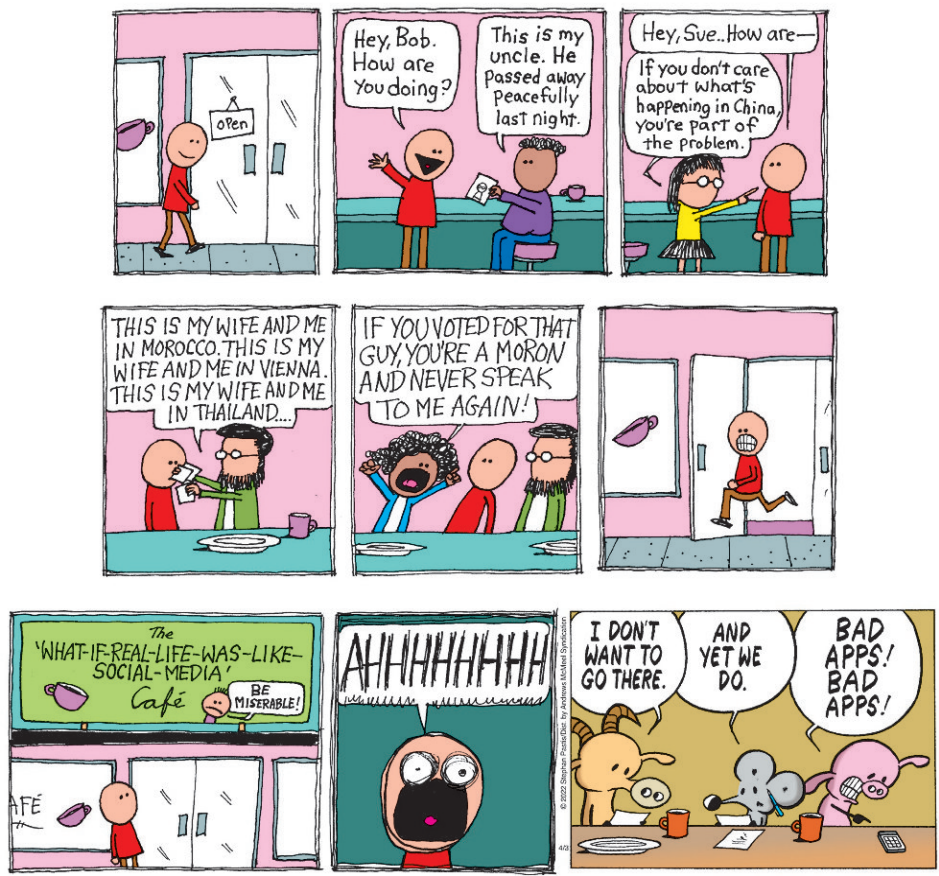
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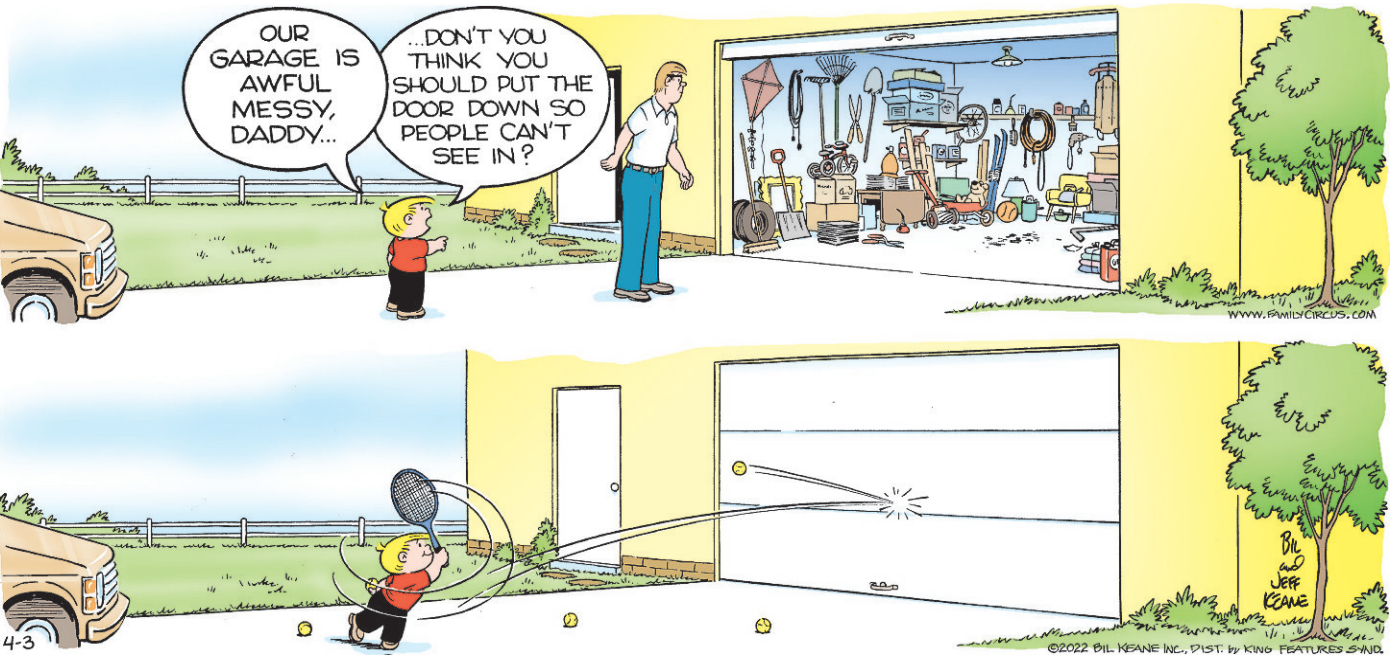
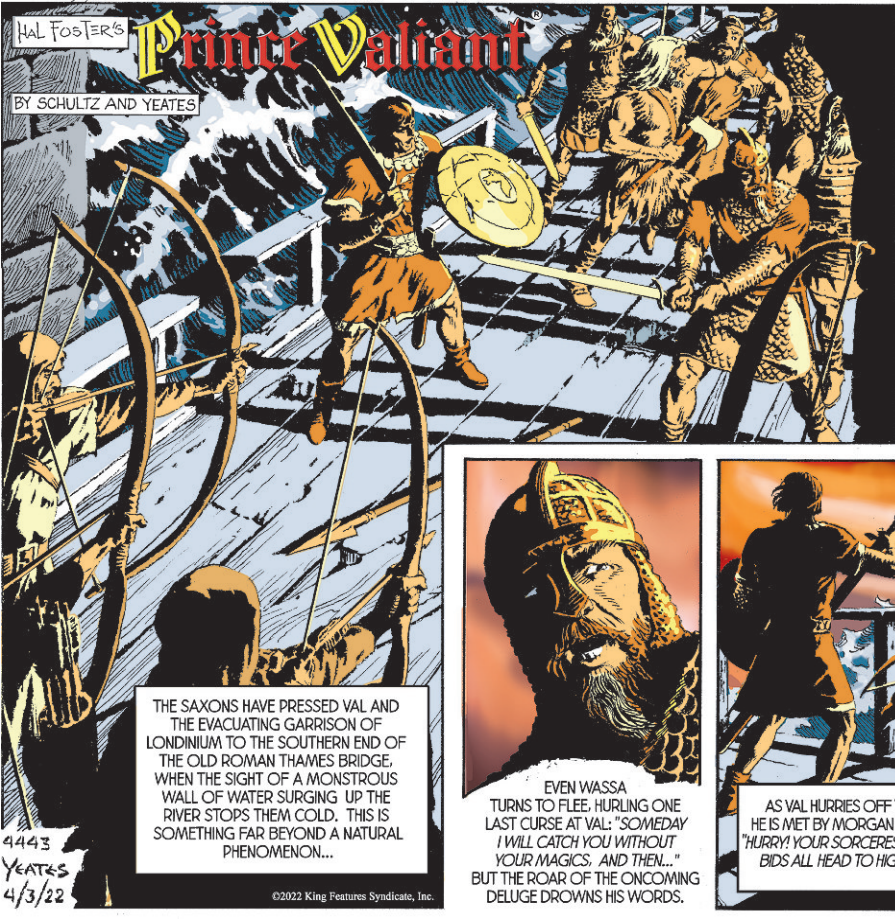
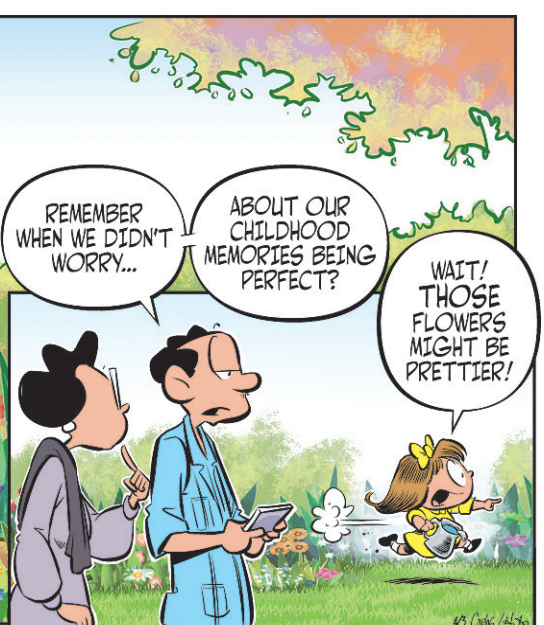
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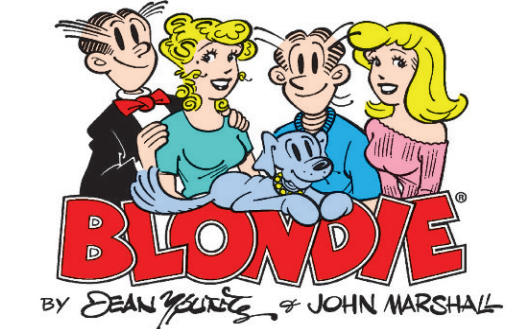
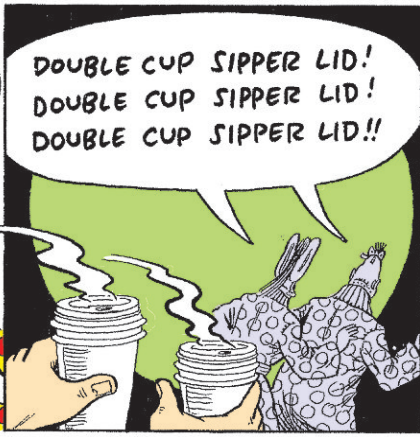
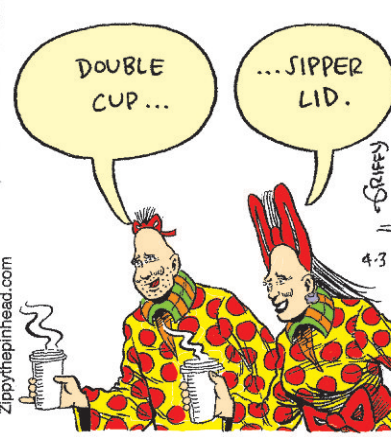
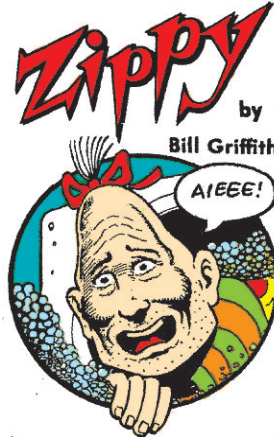
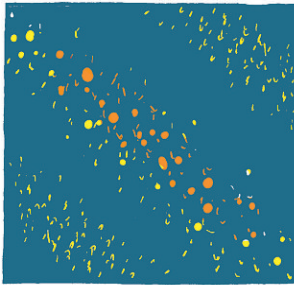
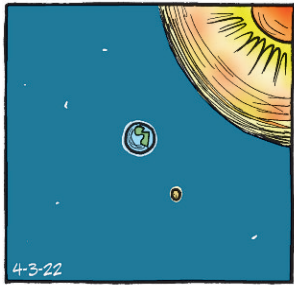
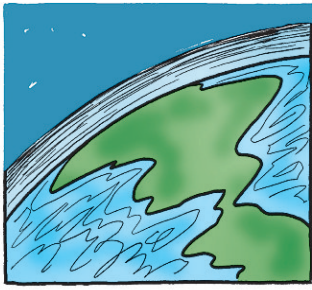


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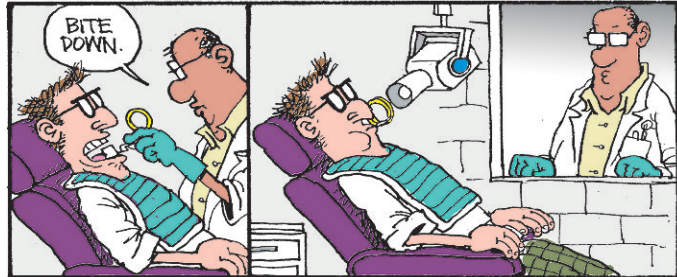


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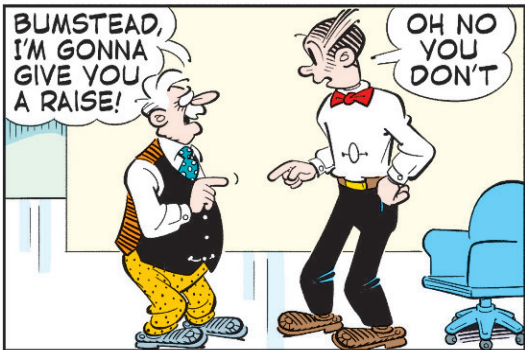
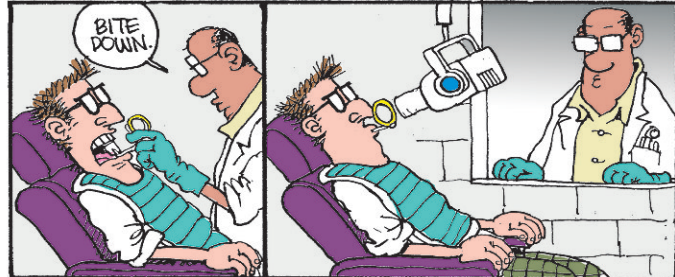




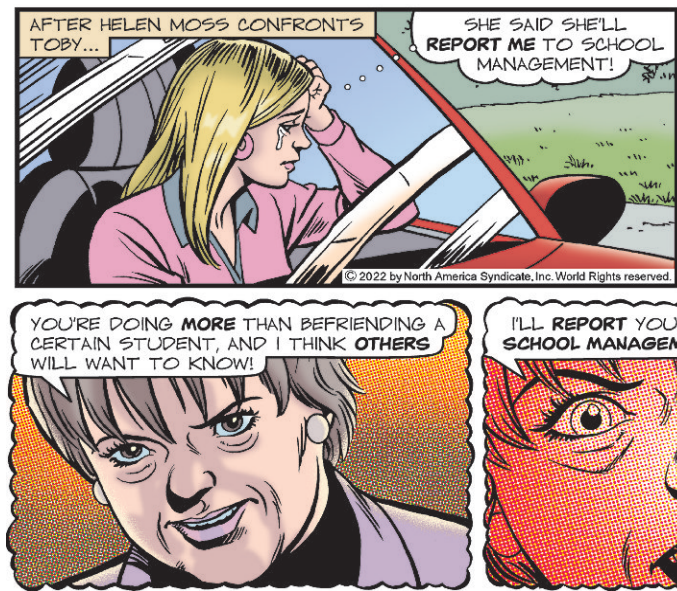
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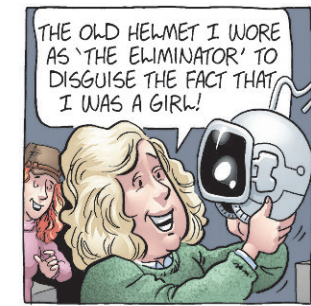
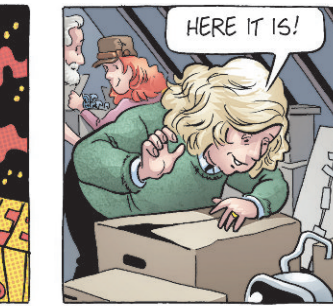
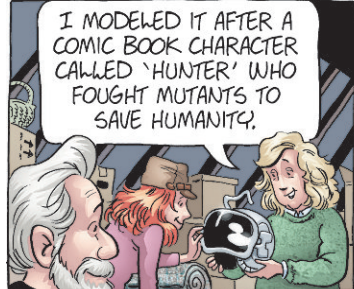
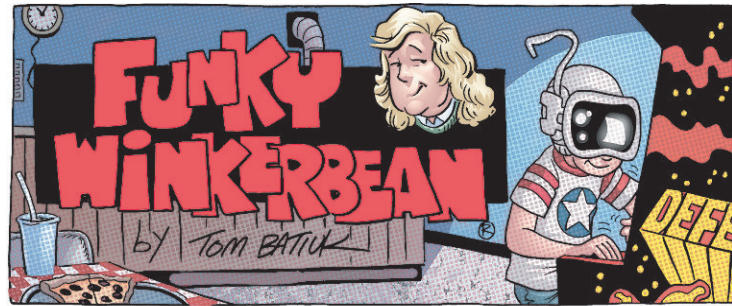
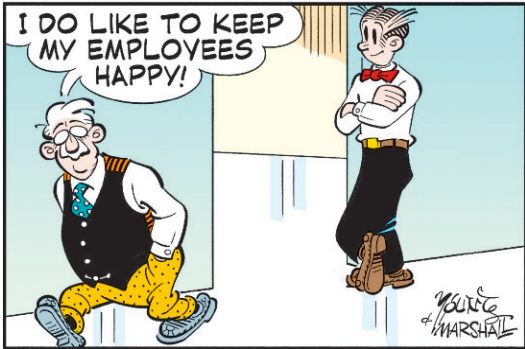
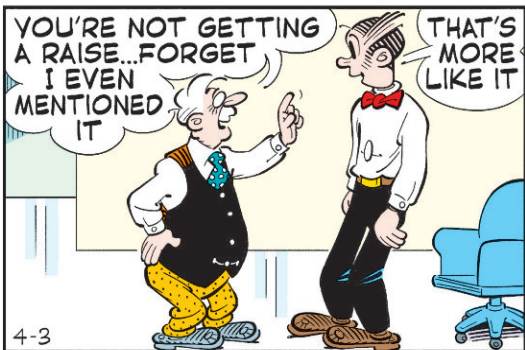
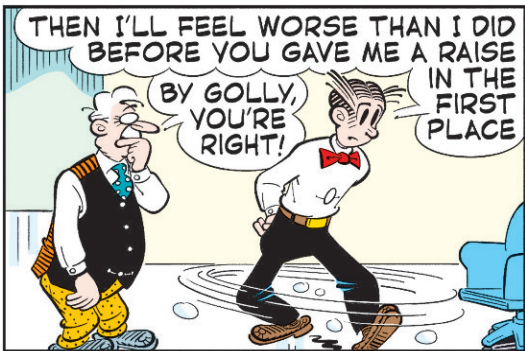
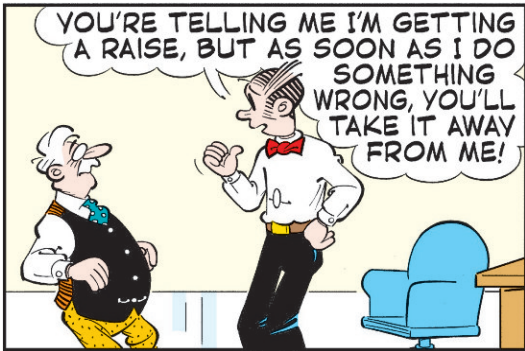
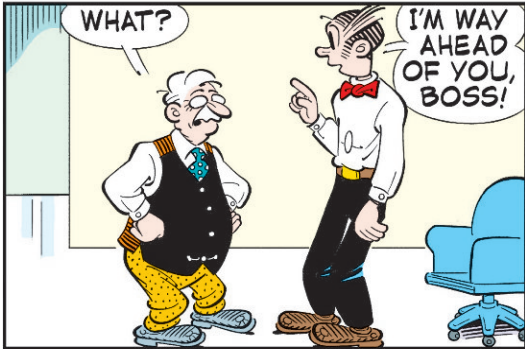
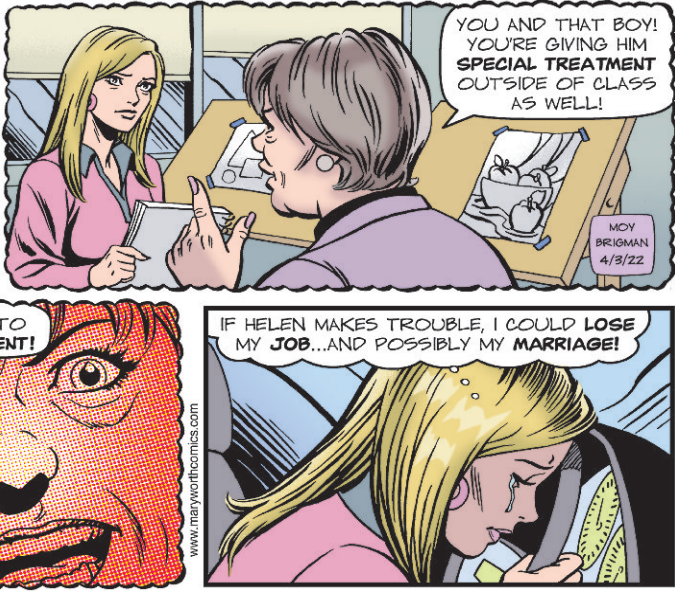
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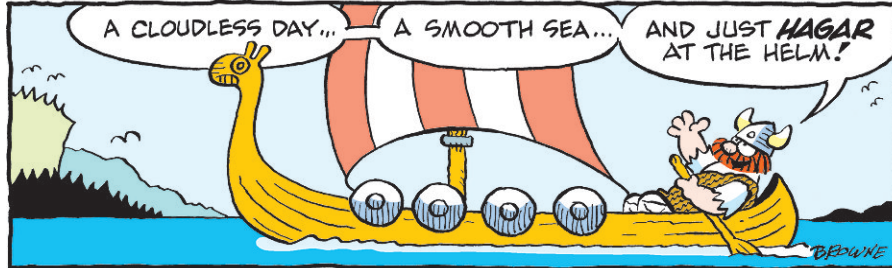
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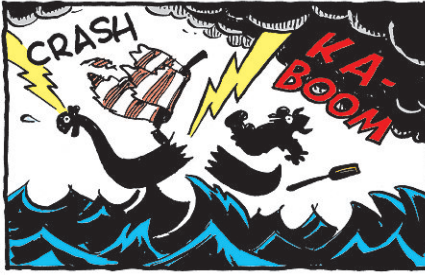
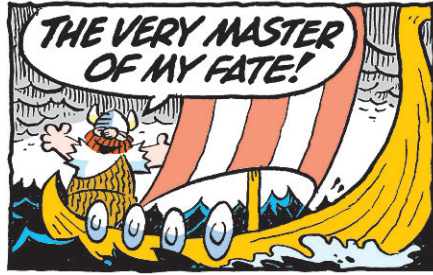
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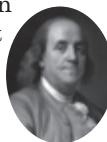
Trevor Noah returns for the second year to emcee the 64th Grammy Awards (April 3 on CBS and Paramount+). And the host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* is mega-pumped. "It's a front-row ticket to the best music concert of all time. I don't care who you are, you love music," says Noah, 38. **Jon Batiste** leads the way at this year's Grammys with 11 nominations, followed by Justin Bieber, Doja Cat and H.E.R. with eight each and Billie Eilish and Olivia Rodrigo with seven each.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

MANDY PATINKIN

The *Homeland* star, 69, is the voice of the famous Founding Father in ***Benjamin Franklin*** (April 4–5 on PBS). The two-part Ken Burns documentary sheds new light on one of the most consequential figures in American history—a prolific writer and publisher, groundbreaking scientist and inventor, world-renowned diplomat and signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.



We tend to think of our Founding Fathers as uptight, but this presentation depicts Franklin with a sense of humor and a sex life. He's a complicated guy. The fact that he was not very thoughtful to his wife, Deborah—he left her for years at a time—was an extraordinary contradiction to his moral and ethical brilliance, his humor, poetic writing, his genius to invent and his ability to be a charming ambassador for the founding of our country.

Did you learn any fun facts about Franklin? Oh, yeah. He had discussions with people about farting,



trying to figure out a way to make farts not smell. He just thought that was not a helpful aspect of the human condition and he thought it should smell more like ladies' perfumes. I love that stuff.

What is the message of *Benjamin Franklin*?

I think **Ken Burns** and his team have brilliantly put together this history lesson from the people who founded our country: "It's a republic, if you can keep it." And there are examples of these individuals who reached across the table—there was no aisle—and worked together, spoke to each other with dignity, listened to each other with grace and respect and held their own.

In your wide-ranging career, what have been your favorite roles? I've been really spoiled. There are many roles that I loved dearly; one certainly was *The Princess Bride*. Another that defined my being was playing George Seurat in the musical *Sunday in the Park With George*. And then I got to be Saul Berenson in *Homeland* for eight seasons. Saul is a much better person than I am.



How did his son make him a social-media sensation? Go to [Parade.com/patinkin](https://www.parade.com/patinkin) to find out.

JANE GOES 'WILD'

Emmy-winning actress **Jane Seymour**, 71, turns sleuth for her new series, *Harry Wild* (April 4 on Acorn). She stars as Harriet "Harry" Wild, a university literature professor who notices a murderer has followed a pattern from an obscure Elizabethan play. Here are some fun facts about the former star of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*.

Born Joyce Penelope Wilhelmina Frankenberg, her stage name is an homage to the third wife of Henry VIII.

Seymour's twin sons, **Kristopher** and **John**, were "Gerber babies" in a series of baby-food TV commercials in the late 1990s. ▼



One of her first roles was Bond girl Solitaire in *Live and Let Die* (1973) opposite Roger Moore.



In 2018, at 67, she became the oldest woman to pose for *Playboy*.



In addition to acting, she has a prolific career as an artist, selling her watercolors through various galleries.

Bad Girls Book Club

Kelly Hu joins the cast of *Fallen Angels Murder Club: Heroes and Felons* (April 9 on Lifetime), about a series of murders at a book club founded for people with criminal pasts. Another ex-con (Toni Braxton) finds herself at the center of the investigation. Hu admits she's never been a member of a book club. "I'm a big fan of audio-books," says the former fashion model and beauty queen, 54, whose numerous TV roles include appearances on *Arrow*, *The Orville* and *L.A.'s Finest*. "I listen while doing housework and driving. That's how I get my reading in."



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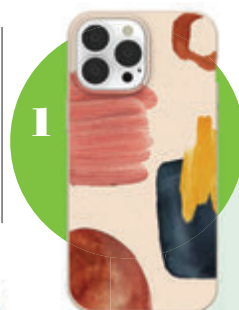
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HOW TO BUY GREEN

How do your purchases and at-home habits affect the environment at large? *Harry Potter* actress and Greenpeace ambassador **Bonnie Wright** has written ***Go Gently*** (Harvest, April 19, \$25, gogently.earth), a crash course in climate-related topics and terminology and an actionable guide with tips and manageable changes you can make to live more sustainably. To help you celebrate Earth Day (April 22), we've gathered purpose-driven brands that offer eco-conscious goods and give-back initiatives.

—Megan O'Neill Melle



1. No landfill here. With the goal of removing 1 billion pounds of plastic from the waste stream by 2028, ocean-cleanup-funding Pela created a phone case made of bioplastics that's protective and fully compostable. When you're done with your case, toss it in a compost bin and it will break down in six months. **Seashell Color Study iPhone Case**, \$60, pelacase.com

2. When you buy a timepiece from über-sustainable Danish watchmaker Nordgreen (like the **Philosopher**), you can choose one of three nonprofits to receive proceeds from the

purchase, including Cool Earth, which works to protect rainforests. **\$244, nordgreen.com**

3. If you're looking for a place to buy ethical homewares (like Archive New York's **San Lucas Kitchen Towel**), online marketplace Made Trade is Climate Neutral certified, which means it offsets 100 percent of its supply chain's carbon footprint by funding conservation projects. **\$24, madetrade.com**

4. Purchase a shirt from eco-conscious fashion brand Amour Vert (we love the **Amela Reverie Knit Tee**) and

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5. Saola focuses on eco-design (its **Tsavo Sneaker** is made of six plastic water bottles, natural cork and harvested algae) and dedicates 1 percent of its revenue to five Earth-saving orgs: Coral Guardian, Mwalua Wildlife Trust, Friends of Bonobos, Sun Bear Outreach and See Turtles. **\$120, saolashoes.com**

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Books We Love

Fans of *Saturday Night Live* comedic mastermind Molly Shannon will find a hilarious, insightful and surprisingly personal read in her new memoir, ***Hello, Molly!*** (Ecco, April 12). **\$28**



For philosophical and quirky musings on the unpredictability of life and its many anxiety-inducing surprises, pick up Mary Laura Philpott's ***Bomb Shelter: Love, Time, and Other Explosives*** (Atria, April 12). **\$27**



A Black nurse in 1970s Alabama blows a whistle on the racial and ethical wrongdoings at a family planning clinic in ***Take My Hand*** (Berkley, April 12) by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, inspired by true events. **\$27**



From Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Egan comes ***The Candy House*** (Scribner, April 5), about a 40-year-old CEO named Bix, whose company lets people own, control and share their memories. **\$28**



After losing both her sister (beloved filmmaker Nora) and husband to cancer, You've Got Mail screenwriter Delia Ephron reflects on unexpected second chances in love and life in her straight-out-of-a-movie memoir, ***Left on Tenth*** (Little Brown and Company, April 12). **\$29**



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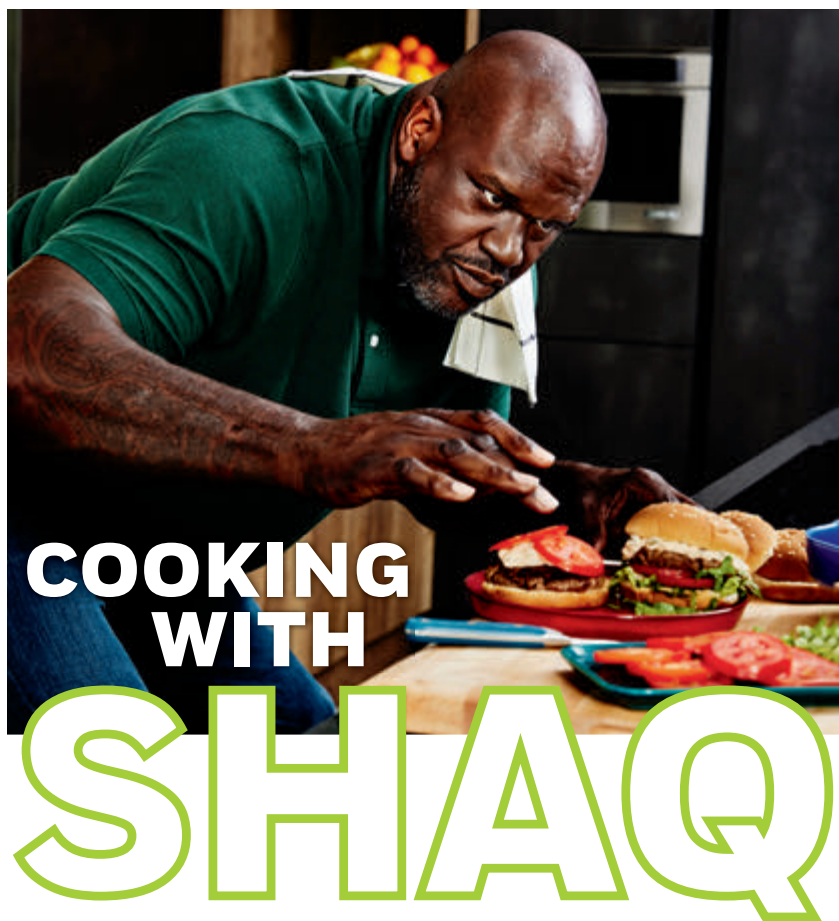
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COOKING
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SHAQ

Shaquille O'Neal cooks up juicy BBQ chicken, pot roast tacos and a big saucy burger in his new cookbook, *Shaq's Family Style*. We've got the recipes.

By Alison Ashton

A cookbook from basketball great Shaquille O'Neal really shouldn't surprise anyone. "I'm an avid eater," he says. And as the founder of Big Chicken in Las Vegas and a Papa John's board member and franchisee, he's also in the food business. His culinary crew includes longtime personal chef Alex Conant and executive chefs Matt Silverman and Matt Piekarski (aka "The Matts").

But until recently, O'Neal, 50, admits to doing more eating than cooking. The pandemic changed that, putting him in charge of the kitchen. "It was me and, like, 11 kids," he recalls. "First it was ramen—kids love ramen. Then it was hot dogs, and then it was spaghetti, baked chicken and fried chicken. So I was like, *You know what? Cooking is fun!*"

"I don't want people to think I'm a full-blown chef," says O'Neal. But he's learning. And *Shaq's Family Style* (out April 5), with its lip-smacking compilation of recipes, reflects his very personal style of cooking and eating—hearty, fun and unfussy fare influenced by the food he grew up with and the places he's lived over the years (especially the Cajun cuisine he loved as a college basketball star at Louisiana State University). So go ahead, cook—and eat—like Shaq!



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SMASH BURGERS WITH JALAPEÑO PIMIENTO CHEESE

"This burger is my Southern-style homage to game-watching nights in front of the TV," says O'Neal. His twist on pimiento cheese swaps traditional cheddar and pimientos for Monterey Jack and zingy pickled jalapeños for a simple burger with big impact. You can make the cheese mixture a day or two ahead, cover and refrigerate until you're ready to cook the patties.



JALAPEÑO PIMIENTO CHEESE

In a medium bowl, mix 1 cup shredded **Monterey Jack cheese**; ½ cup **pickled jalapeños**, drained and chopped; ¼ cup **plain cream cheese**, at room temperature; ¼ cup **mayonnaise**; 1 tsp **hot sauce** (such as Tabasco or Crystal); 1 tsp **Worcestershire sauce**; ½ tsp **kosher salt**; and ½ tsp freshly ground **black pepper**. Cover; refrigerate until ready to use.

BURGERS

Set a large cast-iron skillet over high heat, or pre-heat an electric griddle to 450°F.

Divide 2 lb **80/20 ground beef** into 6 equal balls; season with 1 Tbsp kosher salt and 2 tsp freshly ground black pepper. Working in batches, if needed, to avoid overcrowding pan, place beef balls in pan. Firmly press down with a spatula until patties are about ½ inch thick. Cook 4 minutes undisturbed, then flip and top each burger with about ¼ cup Jalapeño Pimiento Cheese. Cover; cook 2–3 minutes or until cheese has melted. (Cooked patties can be refrigerated, untopped, in a sealed container up to 3 days; reheat in a 300°F oven 14 minutes or until hot, adding Jalapeño Pimiento Cheese during the last few minutes.)

Divide patties among 6 **sesame-seed burger buns**, split. If desired, garnish with 2 **vine-ripened tomatoes**, sliced, and **shredded lettuce**. Serves 6.

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SHEET PAN BBQ CHICKEN THIGHS WITH SWEET POTATO BAKE



O'Neal fans know barbecue chicken holds a special place in his heart, and not just on the plate. "During my time on Inside the NBA, I've been known to issue 'Barbecue Chicken Alerts'—that's when a player is gonna smoke another player," says O'Neal. "It's a player who's looking at his opponent like he's something you can cook, roast and eat up."

This recipe means business too: "When I say this is gonna be barbecue chicken, I mean it's gonna be barbecue chicken—it's gonna deliver when it counts," he promises. And it does: His smoky-sweet DIY barbecue sauce acts as both a marinade and a glaze at the end to help the skin brown and crisp up deliciously. Score big with Shaq's go-to recipe at [Parade.com/shaq](https://www.parade.com/shaq).



SHREDDED POT ROAST TACOS WITH BLACK BEAN CILANTRO RICE

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"Back in the '90s, I was diagnosed with TNS—Taco Neck Syndrome. I ate so many tacos that my neck was permanently tilted to the side," O'Neal jokes. "But in the end, it just may have helped me grab more boards. So let's just say I have a soft spot for tacos."

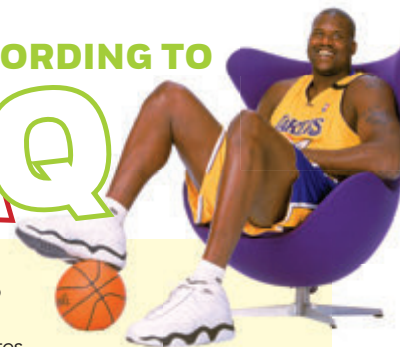
This recipe yields a generous amount of meat. Refrigerate leftovers up to three days or freeze them up to two months.

Masa harina is a type of corn flour used to make tortillas and tamales. Here, it's used as a thickener. You can find it in the Latin foods aisle in most supermarkets.

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO

SHAQ



Six degrees of Shaq Since 1985, every NBA championship team has included O'Neal or at least one of his former teammates.

"I guess that makes me the Kevin Bacon of basketball."

Go-to comfort foods Fried chicken, macaroni salad, coleslaw and potato salad—all prepared by his mom, "Dr. Lucille." Now that he's a cookbook author, does he cook for her? "No, she doesn't want me to," says O'Neal. "She tells me, 'You're my baby. I'm not your baby.'"

The doctor is in O'Neal is a lifelong student, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration and a doctorate in education.

No regrets O'Neal credits his parents with raising him to be "a great adapter. Life is about learning and adapting to change and persevering through tough situations," he says. "Everything I've done, I've done in a respectable, honorable way. My favorite person [his mom, **Lucille**] tells me she's proud of me still, [so] I wouldn't change a thing."



Favorite tunes Classics from his high school days, including Madonna's "Like a Virgin," Culture Club's "Karma Chameleon" and old-school hip-hop. "Just trying to reminisce what I was doing in '87, '88 and '89." His personal theme song is Mr. Mister's "Broken Wings."



Movie that always makes him laugh **Step Brothers**, starring Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly. "It's about two old guys that never want to grow up—reminds me of myself. I don't ever want to grow up. I always want to be a kid."

Birthday wish O'Neal turned 50 on March 6. His goal for the next half century: "I want to be like a Black angel." That means sharing his good fortune through random acts of kindness. "I was in CVS last night. I see a lady in there with her daughter, and she's bargain-shopping," he recalls. "She keeps going back and forth to the counter—'How much is this? Is this on sale?' That's what me and my mother used to do." O'Neal urged her to get whatever she needed. "We spent about \$1,000, but it just felt good to bless her."

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SHREDDED POT ROAST TACOS WITH BLACK BEAN CILANTRO RICE

In a slow cooker, combine 1 (14.5-oz) can **diced fire-roasted tomatoes**, undrained; 1 (6-oz) can **tomato paste**; 1 (7-oz) can **chipotle chiles in adobo**, chopped; ¼ cup **masa harina** (such as Maseca); 2 Tbsp **red wine vinegar**; 1 Tbsp freshly ground **black pepper**; 2 tsp **garlic powder**; 1 tsp **dried oregano**; ½ tsp ground **cumin**; 1 Tbsp **kosher salt**; and 1 **beef bouillon cube**. Add 1 (4-lb) **chuck roast**; 1 **large yellow onion**, sliced; 1 **large red bell pepper**, seeded and sliced; and 1 **large green bell pepper**, seeded and sliced. Cover; cook on high 8 hours or until meat is fork-tender and falling apart.

Transfer meat to a cutting board; shred with two forks. Using a large spoon, skim and discard fat from top of cooking liquid. Return shredded beef to pot; add ¾ cup chopped **fresh cilantro** and 1 Tbsp **kosher salt**. Keep warm.

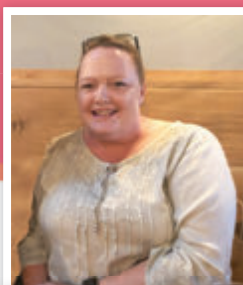
Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a 13-by-9-inch casserole dish with **cooking spray**. Spread 2 cups **parboiled white rice** (such as Zatarain's) in dish. Top evenly with 1 (15-oz) can **black beans**, drained and rinsed; dot beans with ¼ cup **unsalted butter**, diced into ½-inch pieces.

In a medium bowl, whisk 1 (32-oz) pkg **chicken broth**, 1 Tbsp **kosher salt**, 1 tsp freshly ground **black pepper**, 1 tsp **garlic powder** and ½ tsp **onion powder**. Pour over rice and beans. Cover tightly with heavy-duty foil. Bake 1 hour 15 minutes or until rice is tender. Remove foil. Stir in 1 cup finely chopped **fresh cilantro**, fluffing rice.

ASSEMBLY

Heat 18 (6-inch) **flour tortillas** on a gas range directly over medium heat, about 1 minute per side or until slightly charred. Top tortillas with shredded meat, ¾ cup **Monterey Jack cheese** and, if desired, sliced **avocado**. Serve with rice.

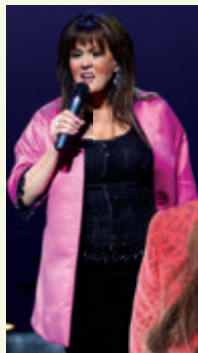
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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—Matt Sorensen,
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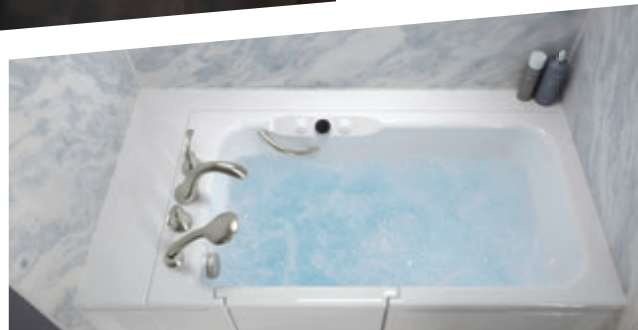
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The So Lite Scooter is easy to transport and almost impossible to tip over.

Like millions of older Americans, I struggle with mobility. For years, I watched my quality of life slip away, as I was forced to stay home while friends and family took part in activities I'd once enjoyed. I thought I'd made some progress when I got a mobility scooter, but then I realized how hard it was to transport. Taking it apart and putting it back together was like doing a jigsaw puzzle. Once I had it disassembled, I had to try to put all of the pieces in the trunk of a car, go to wherever I was going, and repeat the process in reverse. Travel scooters were easier to transport, but they were uncomfortable and scary to drive, I always felt like I was ready to tip over. Then I found the So Lite™ Scooter. Now there's nothing that can hold me back.

Years of work by innovative engineers have resulted in a scooter that's designed with seniors in mind. They created Electronic Stability Control (ESC) that makes it virtually impossible to tip over. If you try to turn too quickly, the scooter automatically slows down to prevent it from tipping over. The battery provides powerful energy at a fraction of the weight of most batteries. With its rugged yet lightweight aluminum frame, the So Lite™ Scooter is the most portable scooter ever—but it can hold up to 265 pounds—yet weighs only 40.8 pounds without the battery! What's more, it easily folds up for storage in a car seat,



Why a So Lite™ Scooter is better:

- Latest "No-Tip" Technology
- Lightweight yet durable
- Folds and locks in seconds
- Easier to operate

trunk or even on an airplane. It folds in seconds without tools and is safe and reliable. Best of all, it's designed with your safety in mind, from the newest technology and superior craftsmanship. Why spend another day letting your lack of mobility ruin your quality of life? Call now and find out how you can get a So Lite™ Scooter of your very own.



Exclusive Electronic Stability Control helps prevent tipping

The So Lite™ Scooter

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